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FALL
ATHLETIC SCHEDULE
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2000 - FALL ATHLETIC SCHEDULE - 2000

WEONEDSAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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|--------------------|---------------------------------|------|
| Field Hockey (G V) | CUSHING (Scrimmage).....(H) | 3:45 |
| Soccer (B V) | Noble & Greenough.....(A) | 3:15 |
| Soccer (G V) | BRDOKS (Scrimmage).....(H) | 3:00 |
| Volleyball (G JV) | DRACUT HIGH (Scrimmage).....(H) | 3:30 |
| Volleyball (G V) | DRACUT HIGH (Scrimmage).....(H) | 3:30 |

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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| Soccer (B V) | B.B.&N. (Scrimmage).....(H) | 7:00 |
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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| Field Hockey (G V) | GROTDN (Scrimmage).....(H) | 2:00 |
| Football (B V) | CUSHING (Scrimmage).....(H) | 2:30 |
| Soccer (G V) | MILTON (Scrimmage).....(H) | 1:30 |
| Volleyball (G V) | CUSHING/SPS/EXETER.....(H) | 4:30 |
| Water Polo (B V) | Loomis/NMH/Hopkins.....(A) | 3:00 |
| Water Polo (G V) | LOOMIS-CHAFEE.....(H) | 3:30 |

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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|----------------------|--------------------------------|------|
| Cross Country (G V) | Brooks (Scrimmage).....(A) | 3:30 |
| Field Hockey (G JV1) | Milton.....(A) | 4:30 |
| Field Hockey (G V) | Milton.....(A) | 3:00 |
| Soccer (B JV1) | MILTON.....(H) | 3:30 |
| Soccer (B V) | BROOKS.....(H) | 3:00 |
| Soccer (G JV1) | BISHOP GUERTIN.....(H) | 3:00 |
| Soccer (G V) | St. Mark's (Scrimmage).....(A) | 3:00 |
| Water Polo (B V) | EXETER.....(H) | 3:00 |
| Water Polo (JV) | EXETER.....(H) | 4:00 |

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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|----------------------|------------------------------------|------|
| Field Hockey (G JV1) | Loomis-Chaffee.....(A) | 3:15 |
| Field Hockey (G V) | Loomis-Chaffee.....(A) | 2:00 |
| Football (B JV1) | Loomis-Chaffee (Scrimmage).....(A) | 2:00 |
| Football (B V) | Loomis-Chaffee.....(A) | 2:30 |
| Soccer (B JV1) | Loomis-Chaffee.....(A) | 2:00 |
| Soccer (B JV2) | Loomis-Chaffee.....(A) | 2:00 |
| Soccer (B V) | Loomis-Chaffee.....(A) | 2:00 |
| Soccer (G JV1) | Loomis-Chaffee.....(A) | 2:00 |
| Soccer (G JV2) | Loomis-Chaffee.....(A) | 2:00 |
| Soccer (G V) | Loomis-Chaffee.....(A) | 2:00 |
| Volleyball (G JV) | Loomis-Chaffee.....(A) | 3:30 |
| Volleyball (G V) | Loomis-Chaffee.....(A) | 2:00 |
| Water Polo (B V) | Loomis-Chaffee.....(A) | 3:00 |
| Water Polo (G V) | Loomis-Chaffee.....(A) | 2:00 |

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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|----------------------|---------------------------|------|
| Cr. Country (BV&JV) | BELMONT HILL.....(H) | 3:30 |
| Field Hockey (G JV1) | SHORE COUNTRY OAY.....(H) | 3:30 |
| Field Hockey (G V) | Harvard.....(A) | 3:30 |
| Football (B JV1) | Cushing.....(A) | 3:30 |
| Soccer (B JV1) | MASCONOMET.....(H) | 3:30 |

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| Soccer (B JV2) | BELMONT HILL.....(H) | 3:30 |
| Soccer (B V) | HOLDERNESS.....(H) | 3:30 |
| Soccer (G JV1) | MASCONOMET.....(H) | 3:30 |
| Soccer (G JV2) | Groton.....(A) | 3:00 |
| Soccer (G V) | HARVARD.....(H) | 3:30 |
| Volleyball (G JV) | ST. PAUL'S.....(H) | 2:45 |
| Volleyball (G V) | ST. PAUL'S.....(H) | 2:45 |
| Water Polo (B V) | ST. JOHN'S (Scrimmage).....(H) | 3:30 |

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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|----------------------|---------------------------|------|
| Field Hockey (G JV2) | ANDDOVER FRESHMAN.....(H) | 3:30 |
| Soccer (B JV2) | Groton.....(A) | 4:15 |
| Soccer (G JV2) | BROOKS.....(H) | 3:30 |
| Soccer (G V) | TABOR.....(H) | 6:30 |

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| Cr. Country (BV&JV) | Manchester Invitational.....(A) | 12:00 |
| Cross Country (G V) | Manchester Invitational.....(A) | 12:00 |
| Field Hockey (G JV1) | TABOR.....(H) | 3:45 |
| Field Hockey (G V) | TABOR.....(H) | 2:30 |
| Football (B V) | HOTCHKISS.....(H) | 6:00 |
| Soccer (B JV1) | TABOR.....(H) | 2:30 |
| Soccer (B V) | TABOR.....(H) | 2:30 |
| Soccer (G JV1) | TABOR.....(H) | 2:30 |
| Volleyball (G JV) | CHELMSFORD.....(H) | 2:00 |
| Volleyball (G V) | CHELMSFORD.....(H) | 2:00 |
| Water Polo (B V) | N.M.H./Suffield.....(A) | 1:00 |
| Water Polo (G V) | N.M.H.....(H) | 2:00 |

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

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|----------------|--------------------|------|
| Soccer (B JV1) | ST. JOHN'S.....(H) | 3:45 |
| Soccer (B JV2) | ST. JOHN'S.....(H) | 3:45 |
| Soccer (B V) | ST. JOHN'S.....(H) | 3:45 |

WEONEDSAY, OCTOBER 4

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|----------------------|----------------------------|------|
| Field Hockey (G JV1) | GOVERNOR DUMMER.....(H) | 4:00 |
| Field Hockey (G V) | GOVERNOR DUMMER.....(H) | 2:30 |
| Football (B JV1) | HYDE SCHOOL.....(H) | 3:30 |
| Soccer (G JV1) | Noble & Greenough.....(A) | 3:15 |
| Soccer (G V) | Noble & Greenough.....(A) | 3:15 |
| Volleyball (G JV) | NORTH READING HIGH.....(H) | 3:30 |
| Volleyball (G V) | NORTH READING HIGH.....(H) | 3:30 |

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

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|----------------------|----------------|------|
| Cr. Country (BV&JV) | Choate.....(A) | 3:15 |
| Cross Country (G V) | Choate.....(A) | 3:45 |
| Field Hockey (G JV1) | Choate.....(A) | 4:15 |
| Field Hockey (G JV2) | Choate.....(A) | 3:30 |
| Field Hockey (G V) | Choate.....(A) | 3:15 |
| Football (B V) | Choate.....(A) | 3:45 |
| Soccer (B JV1) | Choate.....(A) | 3:30 |

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| Soccer (B JV2) | Choate.....(A) | 3:30 |
| Soccer (B V) | Choate.....(A) | 3:15 |
| Soccer (G JV1) | Choate.....(A) | 3:30 |
| Soccer (G JV2) | Choate.....(A) | 3:30 |
| Soccer (G V) | Choate.....(A) | 3:15 |
| Volleyball (G JV) | Choate.....(A) | 3:30 |
| Volleyball (G V) | Choate.....(A) | 3:15 |
| Water Polo (B V) | Choate.....(A) | 3:15 |
| Water Polo (G V) | Deerfield.....(A) | 2:00 |
| Water Polo (JV) | Choate.....(A) | 4:30 |

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

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|----------------------|-------------------------------|------|
| Field Hockey (G JV1) | B.B.&N.....(A) | 3:45 |
| Field Hockey (G JV2) | Chelmsford.....(A) | 3:30 |
| Field Hockey (G V) | B.B.&N.....(A) | 2:45 |
| Football (B JV1) | CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH.....(H) | 3:30 |
| Soccer (B JV2) | Waring School.....(A) | 3:45 |
| Soccer (B JV3) | BELMONT HILL (JV2).....(H) | 3:00 |
| Soccer (B V) | BEAVER COUNTRY OAY.....(H) | 3:30 |
| Soccer (G JV1) | MIOOLESEX.....(H) | 3:00 |
| Soccer (G JV2) | CONCORO-CARLISLE.....(H) | 3:45 |
| Soccer (G V) | MIDDLESEX.....(H) | 3:00 |
| Volleyball (G JV) | CUSHING.....(H) | 3:00 |
| Volleyball (G V) | CUSHING.....(H) | 3:00 |

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|------|
| Field Hockey (G JV2) | METHUEN HIGH SCHOOL.....(H) | 3:30 |
| Soccer (B V) | BRIDGTON ACADEMY.....(H) | 3:30 |
| Soccer (G V) | TUFTS.....(H) | 3:45 |

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

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|----------------------|-------------------------------|------|
| Cr. Country (BV&JV) | St. Paul's/Thayer.....(A) | 2:45 |
| Cross Country (G V) | St. Paul's/Thayer.....(A) | 3:45 |
| Field Hockey (G JV1) | Noble & Greenough.....(A) | 2:30 |
| Field Hockey (G V) | Noble & Greenough.....(A) | 2:30 |
| Football (B V) | KENT.....(H) | 6:00 |
| Soccer (B JV1) | MASCONOMET.....(H) | 2:00 |
| Soccer (B JV2) | NORTH READING HIGH.....(H) | 2:00 |
| Soccer (B V) | ALUMNI.....(H) | 3:00 |
| Soccer (G JV1) | NORTH READING HIGH.....(H) | 2:00 |
| Volleyball (G JV) | HOPKINS.....(H) | 3:30 |
| Volleyball (G V) | HOPKINS.....(H) | 3:30 |
| Water Polo (B V) | WILLISTON NORTHAMPTON.....(H) | 3:30 |
| Water Polo (G V) | Deerfield.....(A) | 3:00 |

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|------|
| Field Hockey (G JV2) | Methuen High School.....(A) | 3:30 |
| Field Hockey (G V) | St. Mark's.....(A) | 3:15 |
| Soccer (B JV2) | ANDOVER FRESH/JV.....(H) | 3:30 |
| Soccer (B V) | Harvard.....(A) | 3:30 |

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| Soccer (G JV1) | Thayer.....(A) | 3:15 |
| Soccer (G JV2) | ANDOVER FRESHMAN.....(H) | 3:30 |
| Soccer (G V) | Thayer.....(A) | 3:15 |
| Volleyball (G JV) | Exeter.....(A) | 3:00 |
| Volleyball (G V) | Exeter.....(A) | 3:00 |
| Water Polo (B V) | ST. JOHN'S.....(H) | 3:30 |

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

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| Soccer (B JV3) | Pike School (V).....(A) | 3:45 |
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

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| Cr. Country (BV&JV) | N.M.H.....(A) | 3:00 |
| Cross Country (G JV) | N.M.H.....(A) | 3:30 |
| Cross Country (G V) | N.M.H.....(A) | 3:30 |
| Field Hockey (G JV1) | N.M.H.....(A) | 3:00 |
| Field Hockey (G JV2) | N.M.H.....(A) | 3:00 |
| Field Hockey (G V) | N.M.H.....(A) | 2:45 |
| Football (B JV1) | N.M.H.....(A) | 2:45 |
| Football (B V) | N.M.H.....(A) | 2:45 |
| Soccer (B JV1) | N.M.H.....(A) | 3:00 |
| Soccer (B JV2) | N.M.H.....(A) | 3:00 |
| Soccer (B V) | N.M.H.....(A) | 2:45 |
| Soccer (G JV1) | N.M.H.....(A) | 3:00 |
| Soccer (G JV2) | N.M.H.....(A) | 3:00 |
| Soccer (G V) | N.M.H.....(A) | 2:45 |
| Volleyball (G JV) | N.M.H.....(A) | 3:00 |
| Volleyball (G V) | N.M.H.....(A) | 2:45 |
| Water Polo (B V) | N.M.H.....(A) | 2:45 |
| Water Polo (G V) | N.M.H.....(A) | 4:15 |

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|------|
| Field Hockey (G JV1) | ST. PAUL'S.....(H) | 4:15 |
| Field Hockey (G JV2) | CHELMSFORD.....(H) | 3:15 |
| Field Hockey (G V) | ST. PAUL'S.....(H) | 2:45 |
| Soccer (B JV1) | Andover High School.....(A) | 3:15 |
| Soccer (B V) | TUFTS.....(H) | 3:00 |
| Soccer (G JV1) | St. Paul's.....(A) | 3:00 |
| Soccer (G JV2) | BROOKS.....(H) | 3:00 |
| Soccer (G V) | St. Paul's.....(A) | 3:00 |
| Volleyball (G JV) | Winchendon School.....(A) | 3:15 |
| Volleyball (G V) | Cushing.....(A) | 3:15 |

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

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| Field Hockey (G V) | DEERFIELD.....(H) | 6:30 |
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

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| Cr. Country (BV&JV) | DEERFIELD.....(H) | 1:30 |
| Cross Country (G V) | DEERFIELD.....(H) | 2:30 |
| Field Hockey (G JV1) | DEERFIELD.....(H) | 1:30 |
| Field Hockey (G JV2) | DEERFIELD.....(H) | 2:45 |
| Football (B JV1) | DEERFIELD.....(H) | 1:30 |

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| Football (B V) | DEERFIELD | (H) | 2:00 |
| Soccer (B JV1) | DEERFIELD | (H) | 1:30 |
| Soccer (B JV2) | DEERFIELD | (H) | 1:30 |
| Soccer (B V) | DEERFIELD | (H) | 1:30 |
| Soccer (G JV1) | DEERFIELD | (H) | 1:30 |
| Soccer (G JV2) | DEERFIELD | (H) | 1:30 |
| Soccer (G V) | DEERFIELD | (H) | 1:30 |
| Volleyball (G JV) | DEERFIELD | (H) | 2:00 |
| Volleyball (G V) | DEERFIELD | (H) | 2:00 |
| Water Polo (B V) | DEERFIELD | (H) | 2:45 |
| Water Polo (G V) | DEERFIELD | (H) | 1:30 |
| Water Polo (JV) | DEERFIELD | (H) | 4:00 |

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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|----------------------|--------------------------|-----|------|
| Field Hockey (G JV1) | MIDDLESEX | (H) | 3:45 |
| Field Hockey (G V) | MIDDLESEX | (H) | 2:30 |
| Soccer (B JV1) | NORTH READING HIGH | (H) | 3:00 |
| Soccer (B JV2) | BROOKS | (H) | 2:45 |
| Soccer (B V) | Moses Brown | (A) | 2:30 |
| Soccer (G JV1) | B.B. & N. | (H) | 3:00 |
| Soccer (G JV2) | Pike School | (A) | 3:00 |
| Soccer (G V) | B.B. & N. | (H) | 3:00 |
| Volleyball (G JV) | St. Paul's | (A) | 3:00 |
| Volleyball (G V) | St. Paul's | (A) | 3:15 |
| Water Polo (B V) | Exeter | (A) | 5:00 |
| Water Polo (JV) | Exeter | (A) | 4:00 |

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

| | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|-----|------|
| Soccer (B JV2) | GROTDN | (H) | 3:45 |
| Soccer (B V) | CUSHING | (H) | 5:00 |
| Volleyball (G JV) | N.M.H. | (H) | 6:00 |
| Volleyball (G V) | N.M.H. | (H) | 6:00 |

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|-----|------|
| Cr. Country (BV&JV) | Exeter | (A) | 2:45 |
| Cross Country (G JV) | Exeter | (A) | 3:00 |
| Cross Country (G V) | Exeter | (A) | 3:00 |
| Field Hockey (G JV1) | Pingree | (A) | 2:15 |
| Field Hockey (G JV2) | BRDDKS | (H) | 1:30 |
| Field Hockey (G V) | Pingree | (A) | 2:15 |
| Soccer (B JV2) | Belmont Hill (JV2) | (A) | 2:30 |
| Soccer (G V) | K.U.A. | (H) | 2:30 |
| Water Polo (GV) | WILLISTDN NORTHHAMPTON ... | (H) | 3:30 |

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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| Volleyball (G V) | All Star | (A) | 12:00 |
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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|----------------------|-------------------|-----|------|
| Field Hockey (G JV1) | Exeter | (A) | 2:45 |
| Field Hockey (G JV2) | GROTDN | (H) | 3:00 |
| Field Hockey (G V) | WINSDR | (H) | 3:15 |
| Football (B JV1) | Exeter | (A) | 2:45 |
| Soccer (B JV1) | Exeter | (A) | 2:45 |
| Soccer (B V) | New Hampton | (A) | 2:45 |

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| Soccer (G JV1) | Exeter | (A) | 2:45 |
| Soccer (G V) | WINSDR | (H) | 5:00 |
| Volleyball (G JV) | Exeter | (A) | 2:45 |
| Volleyball (G V) | WORCESTER | (H) | 3:00 |

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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| Cluster Soccer | CHAMPIONSHIPS | (H) | 6:00 |
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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|---------------------|------------------------|-----|-------|
| Cr. Country (BV&JV) | Interscholastics | (A) | 12:00 |
| Cross Country (G V) | Interscholastics | (A) | 12:00 |
| Field Hockey (G V) | EXETER | (H) | 1:00 |
| Football (B V) | EXETER | (H) | 2:00 |
| Soccer (B V) | EXETER | (H) | 1:00 |
| Soccer (G V) | EXETER | (H) | 11:00 |
| Volleyball (G V) | EXETER | (H) | 12:00 |
| Water Polo (B V) | Interschols | (A) | 12:00 |
| Water Polo (G V) | Loomis Tourney | (A) | 2:00 |

CAPTAINS AND COACHES

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

Theodore Jutras & Weston Fuhrman, Captains
Jon Stableford, Coach

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

Hilary Jay & Adrea Lee, Captains
Nancy Lang, Coach

FIELD HOCKEY

Meredith Hudson & Mariel D'Brien, Captains
Kate Dolan, Coach

FOOTBALL

Braxton Winston, Scott Ward, Captains
Leon Modeste, Coach

BOYS' SOCCER

Scott Darci, Captain
Bill Scott, Coach

GIRLS' SOCCER

Lauren Miller, Captain
Lisa Joel, Coach

VOLLEYBALL

Julie Papanek, Captain
Clyde Beckwith, Coach

BOYS' WATER POLO

Greg Kimball, Captain
Scott Hoenig, Coach

GIRLS' WATER POLO

Kerryn D' Connor, Captain
Loring Strudwick, Coach

SPORT: Cross Country - boys

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Ted Jutras, Weston Fuhrman

MANAGER:

COACH: Jon Stableford

ASSISTANT COACHES: Jeff Domin

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Letter Winners

Arensberg, William A.
Barkhuff, Patrick J.
Beck, Nathan J.
Bitz, Anthony H.
Chan, William Y.
Durana, Pablo
Freker, John C.
Fuhrman, Weston P©.

Gardner, Tyler J.
Jutras, Theodore C.©
Kuangparichat, Gavin
Menocal, Luis
O'Donoghue, Geoffrey
Ober, Thomas
Sullivan, Danforth B.

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Cross Country Boys– Varsity
2000 – 2001

| Name | Class | Hometown |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Arensberg, Austin | 2001 | Louisville, KY |
| Barkhuff, Patrick | 2001 | Groton, MA |
| Barron, Tom | 2004 | NYC |
| Beaman, Charles | 2003 | Austin, TX |
| Beck, Nate | 2001 | Concord, MA |
| Benthall, Seb | 2003 | Stamford, CT |
| Bitz, Tony | 2002 | Gainsville, FL |
| Chan, William | 2001 | Winnetka, CA |
| Corkery, Dennis | 2002 | Gloucester, MA |
| Crowley, Paul | 2001 | Kennebunk, ME |
| Durana, Pablo | 2002 | Montreal, QUE |
| Dwyer, Duncan | 2003 | New York, NY |
| Fearnley, Lyle | 2001 | Byfield, MA |
| Ferraro, Craig | 2003 | Carlisle, MA |
| Fox, Martin | 2001 | Wakefield, RI |
| Freker, John | 2004 | Cincinnati, OH |
| Fuhrman, Weston | 2001 | Chicago, IL |
| Gardner, Tyler | 2001 | Norwich, VT |
| Grant, Michael | 2003 | Haverhill, MA |
| Hendley, Imran | 2002 | Methuen, MA |
| Jutras, Theodore | 2001 | Wellesley, MA |
| Kehlenbeck, Alex | 2001 | Needham, MA |
| Kelly, Matt | 2002 | New York , NY |
| Kuangparichat, Gavin | 2003 | Excelsior Springs, MO |
| Liao, Andrew | 2004 | Hong Kong |
| Menocal, Luis | 2003 | Mexico City |
| Ober, Tom | 2001 | Boxford, MA |
| O'Donoghue, Geoff | 2002 | Andover, MA |
| Pantin, Travis | 2002 | Austin, TX |
| Patrick, Logan | 2004 | Acton, MA |
| Rotman, Matt | 2001 | Andover, MA |
| Seidensticker, Pate | 2004 | Boca Grande, FL |
| Serna, Dan | 2004 | Andover, MA |
| Smith, Andrew | 2001 | Dedham, MA |
| Sonne, James | 2002 | Latham, NY |
| Sullivan, Danforth | 2002 | Jaffrey, NH |
| Sweeney, Ben | 2004 | Chester, CT |

Boys Cross Country Runs Mid-Pack At Speedy Manchester Invitational

by Tony Bitz
PHILIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Coming off a decisive victory at the Canterbury Invitational last Saturday, Andover's harners left this past Saturday for the Manchester Invitational with high hopes and confidence. The top seven runners were seeded in the elite race with twelve of New England and New York's finest teams. The JV runners were pitted in a race against a veritable ocean of 388 competitors. The mediocre results showed that the Blue can compete with the best but still have room for improvement.

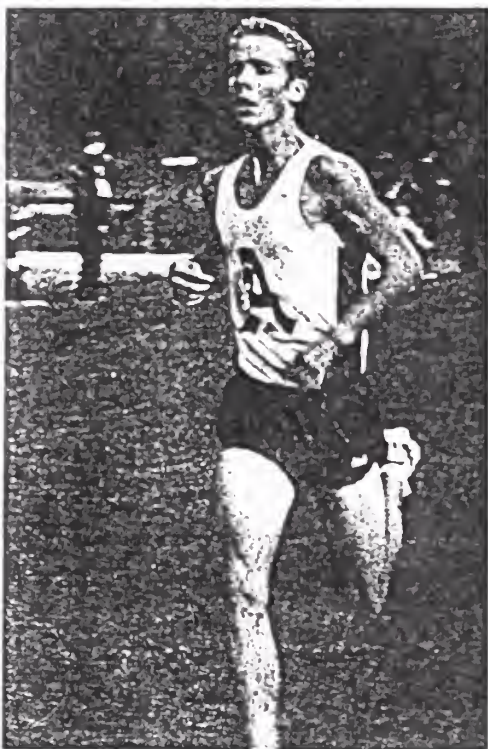
On Saturday the Varsity squad had its hands full with 81 of the region's finest runners from schools such as Xavier, Central, and Bishop Hendricken. Furthermore, PA was missing the added depth of Pat Barkhoff '01, a post grad ineligible for the race. From the beginning of the race the harners knew they had a

challenge on their hands. As co-captain Ted Jutras '01 said, "For most of us the start was just too fast and too crowded." However, despite the slue of runners and shouting fans, captain Wes Fuhman '01 and Pablo Durana '02 had stellar races, 16:41 and 16:39 respectively, taking 7th and 5th places. Taking third for Andover and 45th overall, Michael Grant '03 finished with a respectable time of 17:42. Following Grant was Jutras who, fighting through shin splints, ran a time of 18:04 and slid into 55th place. Eleven spots behind Jutras was Tony Bitz '02 (18:18), moved up from JV to fill Barkhoff's spot. Tyler Gardner '01 who suffered a serious trip in the middle of the race, followed up five seconds after Bitz. Austin Arensberg '01, who had a rough race, rounded out the top seven for the Blue. With a total score of 178 (7th place overall) the Blue was only thirty points away from the second place team. But as Coach John Stableford said "This is a clear sign that we can still improve."

In the B-race there were also several noteworthy performances as the PA runners managed to hold their own in a 300+ race, even without the leadership of veteran Dan Sullivan '02 who was out with an injured calf. Most impressive of the performances was the debut race of Geoff O'Doneghue '02. Geoff looked strong all the way through the last 200 meters where he outkicked the 2nd place runner with an expression of effortlessness on his face. He crossed the finish in 2nd with an exceptional first race time of 17:43. Lower Louis Menocal also had a noteworthy race finishing 28th with a personal best of 18:33. Freshman John Frecker, also had a promising first race, running a 19:21. Veteran Tom Ober '01 ran a personal best on the Manchester Course, (20:39).

On two final notes, Freshmen Tom Barten and Logan Patrick ran strong first races, making their way around the shorter freshman course in 13:32 and 14:10 respectively. Lastly, Pat Barkhoff '01, although ineligible for Saturday's race, ran early Sunday morning with Coach Stableford in Franklin Park in Boston. Pat represented the Blue well with a time of 17:14.

This past weekend was a tap on the shoulder for the harners, a sign that they still need to improve. However, this weekend also unveiled a Big Blue secret weapon. Geoff O'Doneghue. On Saturday, the Boy's travel to race division leader Pat Martha and the Wild Boars of Choate, a team to watch down the stretch toward interschools. Anyone for pork BBQ?



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Cross country co-captains Wes Fuhman '01 and Ted Jutras '01.



Oct. 6

Boys Cross Country Leaves Choate Gasping; Champion Martha Can't Hold Back Blue Attack

by Ted Jutras

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover
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Boys X-C

Two and a half hours on a bus and a two hour wait before racing were enough to make Duncan Dwyer '03 lose his pants this past Saturday. Half way through the 2.95 mile course, he removed both pairs of shorts that he was wearing, and proceeded to run the rest

of the race in his blue and white pin-stripe boxers.

This was the one unexpected event in an otherwise predictable day of racing for the Big Blue boys cross country team. In a 17-43 victory, the varsity harriers showed that winning at the Canterbury Invitational two weeks ago was no fluke. After a less than desirable team performance at the Manchester Invitational a week ago, questions about the team surfaced.

Tony Bitz '02 put a positive spin on the Manchester race. "We got our feet wet at Manchester. A lot of kids weren't used to racing yet. That race got us ready for the season ahead of us."

Choate's course, which is a few hundred meters short of the standard high school 5 kilometers, contains two separate loops around the upper athletic fields, the second of which is repeated before coming out around the hockey rink and soccer field, and finishing in front of the stands at the football field. The red-clay terrain was relatively level compared to the hills in Andover's Sanctuary. "Choate's propaganda course map labeled one section 'Cardiac Hill.' I tried my hardest, but I couldn't find anything that fit that description," commented Dan Sullivan '02.

Choate Senior Pat Martha set out to prove that Andover couldn't match his speed as he took the lead from the start and never looked back on his way to victory. However, the rest of the Choate team was not able to hold the pace, and the tightly-packed Andover boys put eight runners in front of Choate's second man. Leading the way for the Blue were Pablo Durana '02 and Wes Fuhrman '01 who never let Martha slip too far away.

They were followed by Ted Jutras '01, Mike Grant '03, and then a pack of three runners: Pat Barkhuff '01, Geoff O'Donoghue '02, and Tyler Gardener '01. Right on their heels was Austin Arensberg '01 who edged out Choate's number two runner to finish ninth overall.

The veteran Arensberg put the victory in perspective. "We have to take the meet at face value. We still have a lot of work to do," he said.

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Boys Cross Country Trains Through

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The JV team had a successful day as well, defeating Choate's mob of runners. Nate Beck '01 led the way in an impressive victory, followed by Sullivan. Will Chan '01 also put in a particularly strong effort.

From a comedic standpoint though, the highlight of the race came when Dwyer became frustrated by his problematic shorts. He was wearing two pairs, the first of which was being held up by a safety pin. When the pin gave way part-way through the race he pulled over to the side of the course to take off the both pairs of shorts and leave the sagging pair behind. However, once he had removed the clothing he struggled to get the good pair of shorts back on. Realizing that he was losing valuable time, and encouraged by some Choate parents he ditched the clothing, and ran the remainder of the race in his skivvies.

A quick lesson on cross country scoring for those readers who are not familiar with the sport. First of all, the low-scoring team wins. The top five runners for each team are given the number of points equal to the place they finish (if a runner finishes 5th, the team gets five points for that person), and their points are added up to get a total team score. Having strong 6th and 7th runners is especially helpful, because if they can finish in front of any of the opponents top five runners then that team's score will be even higher. (if the number six and seven runners sneak in front of the other team's fifth runner the other team will gain 2 points because they lose 2 places)

Next Saturday the boys in Blue will head up to St. Paul's. "They have a group of kids running together in the high seventeen [minute] range. They're all close together, but I think that we can get a few of our runners in front of their top guy," said coach Jon Stableford. Thayer Academy will also be there to compete in the three-way meet.



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Austin Arensberg '01 races Choate's second runner down the home stretch to the finish line on Saturday. Arensberg won by a step.



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Cross country co-captain Wes Furhman '01 leads his squad out from the starting line at Choate on Saturday. The field quickly thinned, with Andover runners taking eight of the top nine places.

Boys Cross Country Puts Pack In Front of Deerfield's Third

by Tony Bitz
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER Nov. 3

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With only two remaining meets before Interschols, the Boys Cross Country team decided to end its regular season with a bang. Since Saturday's meet was the only home meet of the year, the Blue asserted

its dominance on its home course against the Little Green of Deerfield Academy. Both the Varsity and JV came away with victory, 23-38 and 15-50. Depth and hard training earned the Blue the advantage on the hard hills and long, steep downhill of the Sanctuary.

It was a clear, cool day with a strong wind blowing south, and the boys made the most of this beautiful blustery fall day. The Blue Varsity success was due to its ability to compete with Deerfield's two top runners, Benson and Gilbane, as well as to dominate the back five, putting all eight Varsity runners before DA's number three. Benson won the race with a time of 16:03, with Wes Fuhrman '01 and Pablo Durana '02 finishing together (16:12) no more than forty yards behind Benson. Following the top three were Deerfield's Gilbane and then the sea of Blue led by Ted Jutras '01 who finished in a time of 17:00. Pat Barkhuff '01 (17:17) finished fourth for the PA and close behind him came the back half of the Blue's crew. Geoff O'Donoghue '02 and Nate Beck '01 finished together with a time of 17:37, while Austin Arensberg '01 and Tony Bitz '02 followed close on their heels with a time of 17:46. It was a clear victory for the Blue; Deerfield's back five could not be seen nor heard after the first mile. As O'Donoghue put it, "We should have run faster, but after the first mile there was no outside pressure - we had no one to run with."

In the JV arena the Blue also demonstrated its superior force, taking the top twelve out of fourteen positions, and rendering the Green JV's long trek to Andover pointless. Dan Sullivan '02 ran a personal best and won the JV with a time of 17:57, thirty-four seconds ahead of the number two. Following Sullivan was an Andover pack lead by Louis Menocal '03 (18:31), with Will Chan '01, Travis Pantin '02, Gavin Kuangparichat '03, Imran Hendley '02, and John Frecker '04 clipping at his

heels with a time of 18:35. Rounding out the rear of Andover's blue streak was Tom Barren, who ran an 18:45.

On Saturday, Andover's harriers did their school and their parents proud, dominating DA's Varsity and JV crews. It was a decisive victory, and the racers barely broke a sweat. Though the Blue have been strong throughout the season, their two greatest races have yet to be run: Exeter this Saturday and Interschols a week from Saturday. Exeter will be the Blue's single most formidable opponent in the field. The Griffins are the only team with a depth comparable to that of Andover's, and Exeter's home course advantage will give the Blue a serious challenge. As Coach Jon Stableford '63 said, "They are the only team that can run with us man for man." The success of the season will culminate at Interschols, where the Boys will hopefully cash in on their hard work. With the potential to have ten runners under 18:00 in a 5k race, as well as one of the tightest second seven out there, the PA cross country squad leaves all other teams "blue" with envy.



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Cross country co-captain Ted Jutras '01 kicks towards the finish line.

Boys Cross Country Finishes an Undefeated Regular Season; Interschols to be Final Test

by Tony Bitz

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover
Exeter

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Kicking off the festivities of this week, the Andover Boys Cross-Country team traveled to Exeter last weekend for the final dual meet of the season. Along with start-

ing the Andover-Exeter athletics, the Blue's harriers set a precedent, beating the Griffins at the Varsity and JV levels, 21-36 and 15-45. In winning this race, the Blue maintained its two year undefeated streak in dual meet competition at both the Varsity and JV level and has now faced the most formidable of its single team competition.

The conditions and course at Exeter only aided the incredible racing that took place on Saturday. Exeter's course is a flat three-mile course, which changes little in elevation and runs over packed dirt roads. Cool, breezy weather further helped to lower the times.

The Varsity seized the day and took the race decisively, though they waited until the last 200 meters of the stretch to do so. From the beginning of the race, the pace was fast with co-captain Wes Fuhrman '01 and Pablo Durana '02, and Exonian Ross Tucker up front, the other four Exeter runners in the middle, and the Blue's back four on their heels. Fuhrman and Durana duelled with Tucker for the first half of the race and left him alone in the second, finishing together with a time of 15:17. Tucker crossed four seconds later. After thirty seconds, the "second" race began with the next eight runners finishing within fifteen seconds of each other. Exeter's second finished fourth (15:57), followed by Pat Barkhuff '01 with a time of 16:02. Then came the critical five seconds sealing the Varsity's victory.

With 600 meters left, Exeter's back three and Andover's back four were in a deadlock. In the last 200 meters,

under the lead of Austin Arnsberg '01 and Geoff O'Donoghue '02, the Blue capitalized on the fatigue of Exeter's runners. Arnsberg and O'Donoghue finished in front of Exeter's three and four (with times of 16:06 and 16:07). Their kicks infused Nate Beck '01 and Tony Bitz '02 with second winds, great enough to help them outkick Exeter's number five. They finished with times of 16:10 and 16:11 respectively. Bitz put it best when he commented, "This was the first race of the year where we, as a team, felt pressure. We met the challenge, though, and ran better because of it, and come Saturday, it is close races like this that will make us a stronger team." The Blue took the race in seconds, and their ability to seize the moment shows that their desire and ability will be a powerful force on Saturday at the Interscholastic Championships at Deerfield.

Although the JV race was less dynamic, it was none the less spectacular, with Andover sweeping the race. Dominating the course from the beginning were Dan Sullivan '02 and Louis Menocal '03 who took the top two spots. Menocal finished with a time of 16:44 and Sullivan with a time of 16:49. Following them was a Blue pack of Gavin Kuagparighat '03, Lyle Fearnley '01, and Imran Hendley '02, who rounded out the top five with times of 17:20, 17:33, and 17:33 respectively. The Blue swept the course, end of story. Like every meet this season, no team has been able to significantly penetrate PA's JV front five.

There are two individual races to note, those of Tyler Gardner '01 and Paul Crowley '02, who both ran admirable races under the given circumstances. Gardner, coming back from two weeks of medex, as well as mono-like sickness and with only a week of training, ran at a respectable pace, finishing with a 17:45 in the Varsity contest. In the JV, the title of most improved goes to Paul Crowley '02, who cut about a minute off of his mile split time, and crossed the finish



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Geoff O'Donoghue '02 (left) and Austin Arensberg '01 support each other after kicking the final 400 meters to beat out Exeter Saturday.

line looking strong with a time of 25:15.

With all these victories, the Blue must take care not to go to Deerfield next Saturday overconfident. The PA runners know the whole league will be gunning for them. In both races, the key to the crown for PA will be the ability to tighten the gap between top and rear runners. In the Varsity competition, it will be the job of Barkhuff, O'Donoghue, Beck, and Arnsberg to cut the gap, and at the same time displace the runners of NMH and Exeter, the two closest teams. The problem in JV is similar, though the JV crew gets a boost from the demotion of Bitz and Gardner. It will be the job of runners like Hendley, Kuangparighuat, Fearnley, or Frecker to minimize the critical fifth place points. With a clear objective and a sound strategy, the PA harriers look to repeat last year's championship.

So this weekend, don't forget to check out Cross Country in the midst of smoked Griffin.

Wes Fuhrman – Cross Country

by Luis Menocal
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Wes Fuhrman '01 is smart when it comes to leading and running. He was not only an extremely important figure who helped lead the boys cross country squad to its second-straight undefeated Championship season, but he understands the two most important aspects that an outstanding athlete must have: leadership and perseverance. After demonstrating these qualities for two seasons, the team voted him captain for his third year. He has led the team morally by teaching his teammates the right way to behave in athletic events by setting a great example. Wes knows the sport like the back of his hand, and has been a very responsible runner. He knows the sport well enough to know how hard he can go without getting hurt. He is constantly taking care of himself in order to stay in excellent condition. As cross country Coach Jon Stableford '63 states, "When Wes first got here, he was injured but he always knew when and how to treat it responsibly. Up to now the injury bothers him once in a while, but he is good dealing with it. He is very responsible and he is a great leader." He is the wise runner and the wise captain that earned the respect of his teammates by leading them with humble devotion and perse-

verance.

His career as a runner began in Japan when he was a sixth grader there. He quickly developed as a runner and began unleashing his true talent as a seventh grader when he started to win races and eventually won the league championship in Japan. In this championship race, Wes broke the record for the two-kilometer championship race with an outstanding time of 11:57. In eighth grade, Wes demonstrated the same calibre of perseverance by reclaiming this same championship. As he moved on to the ninth grade, the races became longer, now five kilometers. This did not stop Wes from competing against upperclassmen and demonstrating his great potential as a runner. These four years of competition gave Wes the adequate experience to learn and mature as an athlete and a runner. He arrived at PA as a new lower well prepared.

Once here, he rapidly moved up the ranks and found himself sharing the top three spots throughout the season's races. He was acknowledged by his teammates and coaches as a diligent and intelligent runner. Wes is very constant in his races; his results have always been superb. He obtained seventh place in Interschols that year, in a race filled with great talent and challenging competition. This is a task that not many sophomores endure. As a

tenth grader, Wes became a master of the sport. His diligence in practice, and his numerous victories, and losses, gave Wes a wide range of experience, preparing him for a superb upper year.

Wes began running at the front defeating some of the most elite runners of New England. He ran behind last year's captain, Hunter Washburn '00 and began to enjoy the taste of victory and the feeling of leading the front pack. At the Interscholastic Championship, Wes achieved the second position on the team, behind Washburn, and seventh overall, contributing heavily to the team's big win.

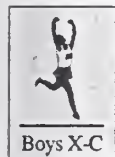
The 2000 season was Wes's most transcending and flourishing. He gave the team his best performances and support, leading both Varsity and Junior Varsity teams to an important victory at Interschols. Wes and Pablo Durana '02 led most of the race's throughout the season. Wes fought to finish in the top three positions in every race except the two invitationals at the beginning of the season, in both of which he placed in seventh. Together, Wes and Pablo won against St. Paul's, Thayer, Deerfield, and Exeter. Wes attained his personal record in at home against Deerfield with the amazing time of 16:12 minutes on a full 5-kilometer course. In every race, Wes ran his hardest and gave his maximum effort; this effort had always been recognized by the team, but in his last Interschols race as an Andover student, his effort was recognized widely by all of New England's prep school runners and coaches. Wes achieved the first position on PA's squad and second overall. He graduates this year as co-captain of the team that won Interschols under his leadership, he graduates with two New England titles, and he graduates with the deep respect of all his coaches and teammates.



Boys Cross-Country Finishes 8-0, Interscholastic Champs, Seal V and JV NEPSTA Titles; Say Goodbye to Key Seniors

by Tony Bitz

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE



In what is becoming happily commonplace, Boys' Cross Country finished another stellar season in 2000. With strong front-runners and a slim

two minute difference in time between the number one and the number fourteen runners, Andover was unstoppable, going 8-0 in both the Varsity top seven and the Junior Varsity back seven, as well as collecting two Interscholastic Championships. For many on this dedicated team, the season started last June with the Blue working through the summer and triumphing in several key, early-season meets to eventually walking away with its second straight NEPSTA title and its third NEPSTA victory in five years.

Even before the season began, Andover's Harriers had a good idea of how successful they might be. With the addition to the team of Pablo Durana '02, Pat Barkhuff '01, Nate Beck '01, Geoff O'Donoghue '02, and Tyler Gardner '01, plus returnees Austin Arensberg '01 and Co-Captains Wes Fuhrman '01 and Ted Jutras '01, the Blue were certain to have a fast top two and a tight, versatile back five. The second seven were also strong, the returning crew of Danforth Sullivan '02, Tony Bitz '02, Gavin Kuangparichat '03 and Louis Menocal '03, providing a strong veteran base while newcomers Imran Hendley '02, John Frecker '04, Travis Pantin '02, Lyle Fearnley '01, Andrew Smith '01, and Tom Barron '04 capped off the team.

The front seven showcased their future dominance over the NEPSTA league in the first meet of the season: the Cantebury Invitational on September 23. With all the major teams in the league present, the meet was an accurate indicator of the season to come. In an astounding performance, the PA Harriers took first, with a sixty-point lead over the number-two team, NMH. Durana and Fuhrman placed in the top five, while the rest of the team finished in the top seventeen. Out of the other eleven teams, there were a total of

only ten runners who could keep up with the Blue.

The following Saturday, PA traveled to the Manchester Invitational, where the Varsity took seventh among New England's finest public and private teams. Through a crowded and fast start, Durana and Fuhrman led the charge, taking fifth and seventh in the swarm of eighty-one. The rest of the team struggled through the hilly course but the squad as a whole managed to take seventh out of thirteen in the Elite Division. The JV fared well in the "B" race, O'Donoghue took second.

Adding O'Donoghue to the Varsity squad, the Blue started a five-meet series against the strongest teams in the prep league. First on the schedule was Choate and its famed front runner, Pat Martha '01. Stableford's racers worked Choate's short and hilly course well, managing to hold off the majority of the Choate squad, who took the race out rather quickly. Only Martha beat Fuhrman and Durana, and the rest of the blue team put itself before Choate's number four runner, earning a decisive 20-43 victory. The JV race was equally impressive, with the boys coming out on top. 23-32. Beck and Sullivan, in their first races of the year, took first and second while Menocal, Chan, and Pantin rounded out the top five for the Blue. It was also at this race that Duncan Dwyer '03 ran without his shorts, crossing the finish line in his skivvies.

Next, the boys traveled to St. Paul's for a tri-meet with SPS and Thayer. In what is becoming a tradition for this annual meet, the Blue dominated the competition in the Varsity race, 15-50, against a young, tightly-packed St. Paul's team and an unimpressive Thayer crew. Andover put all nine of its runners before all but SPS' star runner, Will Seidel. Duran and Fuhrman led, followed by Jutras, Barkhuff, O'Donoghue, Gardner, and Bitz, who passed Seidel with a mile to go. The JV team placed the scoring five in the top eight runners overall and won 24-35 against SPS and 15-50 against Thayer.

Running on two straight wins, the Blue was confident going into its next meet against the Hoggess of NMH.

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Parents' Weekend was the Harriers' one home meet of the season and they put on a great show for their parents against Deerfield, with just two of DA's varsity runners slipping into the top ten. PA knew DA's Pat Benson '01 and Bob Gilbane '01 would be tough competition but Durana and Fuhrman ran personal best races (16:12) and only allowed Benson in front of them. Gilbane followed, while Jutras and Barkhuff took fifth and sixth respectively. The two duos, Beck and O'Donoghue and Arensberg and Bitz, took the seven through ten spots. In the JV, the Boys took the first eight spots and fifteen out of the top eighteen spots. Sullivan again led the pack, while Menocal led the rest of the top seven, all of whom finished within an amazing six second span of one another.

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Seconds after Byrne, the last eight spots were determined within nine seconds. In the final 100m, O'Donoghue, Barkhuff, and Arensberg crossed first. Exeter's Wyatt Golding '02 and Rob Mair followed two seconds behind, while Beck and Bitz put the nail in the coffin, taking tenth and eleventh. The JV race was again a sweep of the top five, with Menocal running a phenomenal race, taking first. Sullivan followed, while Kuagchpariat, Fearnley, and Hendley finished the top five forty seconds later.

PA was ready to take Interschols. In an amazing race by all the Varsity runners, Andover put three in the top fifteen, All-New England, and put all five scorers into the top twenty, winning by a decisive 35 point margin over second-place Exeter's 89. Durana and Fuhrman stayed with the front pack, finishing second and third, while Jutras out-kicked several runners in the final stretch to take eleventh place. O'Donoghue ran his best race of the year taking 17th, while Barkhuff followed on his heels to take 19th. In the JV, several strong kicks at the end won

the Boys a nail-biter, edging out second place Chaote by one point, 42-43. The Blue's Bitz, Sullivan, and Gardner led most of the race, and, in a final kick, Bitz took first. Sullivan followed in second. Gardner passed out on the final straight, but Hendley stepped it up to take seventh, a move that helped the Blue take first overall. Also compensating, Menocal and Kuagchpariat had impressive races, taking 15th and 17th respectively. The Boys kept the Interschol beacon at PA for a second year in a row, and snatched the JV title from Chaote.

It was a benchmark season for Boys' Cross Country, going undefeated at the Varsity and JV levels, as well as taking both NEPSTA titles. Next year will not be so easy. With the losses of Fuhrman, Jutras, Beck, Barkhuff, and Gardner, the Blue look to O'Donoghue, Bitz, Sullivan, and Hendley to step it up and help Durana up front. The addition of post-grad Chris Fisher '02 will add some fuel to the fire in Andover's top three. With strong, tight squads emerging from St. Paul's and Exeter, the Blue will have its work cut out for them.



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Geoff O'Donoghue '02 (left) and Austin Arensberg '01 support each other after kicking the final 400 meters to beat out Exeter Saturday.

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COACH: Nancy Lang

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| Adrea Lee – captain | 2001 | Andover, MA |
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| Maeva Bambuck | 2001 | Paris, France |
| Becky Dann | 2001 | Andover, MA |
| Shivaun Deena | 2004 | Greenville, NC |
| Melissa Donais | 2002 | Bradford, MA |
| Heather Finn | 2003 | Andover, MA |
| Rina Ito | 2001 | Palatine, IL |
| Bridget Libby | 2001 | Falmouth, ME |
| Laura Lisowski | 2004 | Woodinville, WA |
| Caitlin Littlefield | 2003 | Andover, MA |
| Sarah Maxwell | 2002 | Newton, MA |
| Kathryn Moore | 2003 | Pelham, NH |
| Susannah Orzell | 2003 | Lincoln, MA |
| Anne Riordan | 2003 | Pride's Crossing, MA |
| Alexis Steil | 2002 | New York, NY |
| Anne Thomas | 2002 | Tokyo, Japan |
| Jessica Torey | 2002 | Montreal, Canada |
| Jessica Watson | 2001 | Rocky Mount, NC |
| Samantha Weisz | 2003 | Crystal Lake, IL |
| Meghan Whitehead | 2002 | Lynnfield, MA |
| Posie Wilkinson | 2004 | Durham, CT |

Girls Cross Country Takes First Dual Meet of Season From Choate

Sept.

by Jess Tory

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On Saturday the girls' cross-country running team hopped on the bus for the three-hour trip to Choate Rosemary Hall in Connecticut. It was to be the team's first official dual meet of the season.

On Choate's hilly 2.95-mile course, several of Andover's runners battled injuries and sickness to help capture the win for the team. Running phenom Melissa Donais '02 took the race away from teammate Posie Wilkinson's older sister, who is Choate's number one runner.

Andover's next best finishers were Samantha Weisz '03, Jess Watson '01 and Ann Thomas '02. Overall, the team had a very strong race and stuck together on a hill that Donais called "short but sweet." On the contrary, Choate called it "Suicide Hill." Co-Captain Hillary Jay '02 commented on the win: "It is a very promising first dual meet. To win by such a large margin against such a strong team is always good for morale."

Notable absences from the race were Kathryn Moore '03 and Ann Riordan '03, two of the Big Blue's top seven runners. Both were out with injuries to the knee and achilles tendon, respectively. However, Coach Lang was not troubled by their absence at Choate.

Jay believes that the team's strong performance in light of injuries is a testament to their strength. "We're fortunate to have a team with a lot of depth, and winning without two of our strongest runners shows how strong we can be as a team."

There is, however, no doubt that injuries are on Coach Lang's mind. "If they're not feeling 100 %, I don't want them to run. I see this team diminishing, and it scares me."

Jay reiterates that point. "Dual meets aren't that important. I mean, it's nice to win them, and establish ourselves as a force to be reckoned with, but what's important is that



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Melissa Donais '02 leads the way in the girls' race on Saturday at Choate, a race she went on to win.

we rest our injured."

Lang is unsure when the injured will return, but right now she does not want to push them. "Even if they feel a tweak," said Lang, "I want them to do an alternate activity. Especially if it is on an easy day. It's just not worth them being injured."

The girls' next race is this Saturday against St. Paul's, which should be a solid race for the Blue. St. Paul's has a good team, but as Coach Lang pointed out to her girls on Saturday, it looks like Exeter is going to be the team to beat.

So until November, when the girls are scheduled to race at Exeter, they will just have to keep their fingers crossed that the injured make full recoveries back to the starting line.

Donais Leads Girls Cross Country to Sixth, Behind Exeter's Fifth at Manchester Invitational

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On the last day of September, the girls cross country team traveled to the Manchester Invitational, which takes place every year at Derryfield Park, New

Hampshire. It was the first time all season, aside from the scrimmage against Brooks that the entire team traveled together to race. Andover had racers competed in three different categories: the freshman race, the JV race, and the Elite race. Coach Lang was successful in entering the team in the Elite race, as it was only open to a certain number, and caliber, of teams.

The morning was cold and crisp for the 2-mile freshman race, in which Andover had two runners competing. Top finishers in the race included Laura

Lasauski '04, who placed 12th overall, despite a nagging knee problem. By the time the gun went off for the JV race, however, the morning had warmed up significantly. Andover had several runners competing in the JV race, and had two finishers in the top ten. Jess Watson '01 and Becky Dann '01 consecutively crossed the finish line in 8th and 9th place respectively.

The seven Andover girls running in the Elite race did extremely well in that competition, despite competing against some of the best teams in the East. Coming off a strong win at Canterbury last weekend, the girls got a bit of a reality check as they came up against some very tough competition. On a very difficult and hilly course, and on what turned out to be quite a hot and sunny day, Melissa Donais '02 became the only girl since 1975 to win the Manchester Invitational in back-to-back years. She beat her previous year's time by a full six seconds, com-

ing in after 18:53 seconds on the course and edged Exeter's Emily Hampson for the win.

There was no team placement for the JV race, but in the Elite race, Andover finished 6th out of ten teams in the overall placement. Unfortunately, Exeter finished 5th, just ahead of the Blue. Coach Lang pointed out that had it been a dual meet, they would have beat us 24-32, which is by no means a blowout. However, she is not making any predictions for the future. "We are training for Interschols," said Lang. "We don't want to run our strongest races in the beginning."

Co-Captain Andrea Lee '01 feels optimistic about the way things went for the team on Saturday. "That race showed the incredible depth that this team has. Obviously, there is room for improvement, but I think that this was a great beginning. We're gonna have an awesome team."

Oct. 6

GIRLS XCOUNTRY RUNS ALL OVER WEAK DEERFIELD

PA SWEEPS TOP EIGHT

Donais Again Breaks Her Own Course & School Records

by Jess Tory
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| Andover | 15 |
| Deerfield | 50 |



For Andover's girls' cross country team, the luxury of sleeping in on a Saturday morning is not often enjoyed, and so it was with well-rest-

ed legs that the girls came out to race their only home meet of the season last weekend on a sunny, yet, brisk, October afternoon.

"The most amazing thing about Saturday's race is that everyone had at least their season's best times on our course," said Coach Nancy Lang '84. "And for many of the girls, they also ran their best-ever time on a 5K."

Melissa Donais '02 ran away with the win, and also managed to break her own course and school records by three seconds, striding past the finish in eighteen minutes and thirteen seconds.

"It was a really fun race, and I felt really good coming in," said Donais. "It's also a good benchmark for me, because it shows me where I am compared with last year's season."

The sad moment of the day came when co-captain Adrea Lee '01 was carted off the course by trainer Brian Cox. Lee has been fighting stress fractures in her shins for the duration of the season, and was hoping to make Parent's Weekend her comeback performance. Although Lee remains an unknown for the last two meets of the season, it looks like the Blue will be getting back some of their other injured runners just in time for Exeter and Interschols.

"They're still recovering," pointed out Coach Lang, "but it was really exciting to see our team almost back at full strength on Saturday."

More exciting, however, were the girls' times.

"It was amazing," continued Lang. "To have our top seven runners coming in under twenty-two minutes is really exciting."

Both coach and captains were sure that Saturday's strong win should give the girls a little bit of mental boost going into their big meet against Exeter. Said Lang: "I've told them that after this race, they should be confident, not arrogant, and that they should have humility, but no self-doubt. Exeter is a strong team, and they are definitely going to be our toughest competition in dual meets this year."

Co-Captain Hilary Jay '02 feels confident about her team's chances on Saturday. "I think that as a team, we're looking pretty strong right now. Our race against Deerfield showed that we are ready to peak at the end of the season, which is right where Coach Lang wanted us to be. Exeter is going to be tough, but it'll be good to know how they run as a team for Interschols."

Results aside, Exeter will be an exciting and intense day for the Blue. The unpleasantness of that campus is always a powerful reason to run fast and get home.

Nov. 3

PA Falls to Undefeated Exeter; Donais Breaks Course Record

by Jess Tory
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Nov. 10

**Exeter
Andover**

**24
31**



"Thank you Andover, the plaque is coming back!"

Those were the words of the Exeter girls cross country team at the end of a tough – and

fairly close – dual meet on Saturday. On a day when many of the team's key runners were sick from the flu, the Blue dug deep and managed to give one of their gutsiest performances of the season.

Racing on Exeter's flat 3.0-mile course, the varsity girls came up just short of a win against the only undefeated team in dual meets this season. The JV girls, however, recorded a win [25-33] against what would probably be their toughest competition this weekend at Interschols. "I was really proud of our team," said co-captain Hilary Jay '02. "Everyone put up a great fight."

Although not favored to win, Melissa Donais '02 ran a fabulous race, beating her arch-rival Emily Hampson '02 by nineteen seconds, and finishing the race in seventeen minutes flat. More exciting than the personal victory, however, was the fact that she broke Exeter's course record by one second, a record that was set in 1983. In the words of teammate Caitlin Littlefield '03: "she's out to conquer all the course records of New England!"

Other outstanding performances in

the varsity race included those of Jess Watson '01, Sam Weisz '03, Rina Ito '01, and Ann Thomas '03, all of whom came in hot on the tails of Exeter girls. "I think that we can break up their top pack of girls," said Watson, who turned in one of her best races of the season.

In the JV race, Becky Dann '01 finished first despite a knee problem that has been hampering her all season long. She won her first ever cross country race. Jess Tory '02 finished third, coming in just behind an Exeter girl. Finishing soon after Tory was a large pack of Blue, which included Posie Wilkinson '03, Sarah Maxwell '02, and Lexi Steel '02. "That pack shows promise," remarked co-captain Adrea Lee '01, who has been kept out of races this season due to severe stress fractures in her shins. "Interschols should be very exciting."

Although they lost in the varsity race, Coach Nancy Lang '83 is more optimistic about the team's chances at Deerfield [the site of Interschols] than she was before Exeter. "After the race, we coaches had a talk, and we all agreed that our varsity girls can keep up with theirs, and potentially even break up their pack. Of course, that depends a lot on the health of our team." And if the girls race as well against Exeter as they did on Saturday, they should have a good chance of winning the JV race at Interschols.

"It'll be a challenge," continued Lang, "but it's not out of reach."

As they gear up for the biggest race of their season, we wish the girls the best of luck. GO BIG BLUE!



by Dan Shvartsman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Melissa Donais '02

"I knew I could out-sprint her, so I tried to put her away in the last mile." —Donais, on beating Exeter rival Emily Hampson

Hans Christian Andersen couldn't have written this. In what has been a storybook career, Melissa Donais '02 continued her dominance over the New England Cross Country scene with a big victory last weekend, taking top honors at the elite division of Manchester Invitational. The Invitational is considered a bigger and faster race than Interschols, and clearly shows that Donais plans on holding her spot as the top Cross Country runner to beat.

This last weekend she got to duel close friend and longtime rival Emily Hampson of Exeter. She describes the race as, "Just the two of us. I was really confident going in, but I knew she'd be on my back the whole way. I got a quick lead to stay comfortable, and I knew I was a better sprinter, so I tried to put her away in the last mile, and ended up winning by 9 seconds." Donais was also pleased about the win because she felt, "It puts my name out there for the recruiters, hopefully making me a bigger target."

Donais got her initiation in the sport 10 years ago, when she was 6 years old. Her start was fueled by the death of her grandfather, which inspired her to try the sport. "I remember seeing my grandfather set the American record in the 3000-meter race, and then he passed away about five minutes later. I always wanted to follow him, and my dad set me up at a club."

Something else besides experience that has helped set her apart from the pack is her practice with dance. Donais had danced for 12 years, but quit after eighth grade to commit herself to running. She says, "In cross country you're always running on rocky roads and hills, and I feel that dance helps me there because it made me nimble."

Having nimble feet helps you to move quicker in cross-country. It also keeps me loose and light." Another thing she believes to be of real importance is mental preparation. "(Cross-country) is really 90% mental and 10% physical. There is a lot of strategy involved. You can't sprint for three miles, so you have to know when to surge and when to rest so you can keep going."

When asked for her fondest moment in the sport Donais wasted no time recalling it. "Definitely going to Foot Locker Nationals in Disney (Orlando) last December was as much fun as I've had. We were just wine and dined for three days (by the officials). They gave us gifts and it was a really enjoyable time." Donais qualified for the Nationals by winning the Regionals in November, which she pinpointed as her ideal race. "The Foot Locker Regionals was an incredible race for me. I actually jumped out early, for the first quarter mile or so, and then stayed with the pack. I'm not really used to running with the pack, but I just let them carry me at their pace. Then at the 2-mile mark I broke from the pack up the back hills. I'm generally a good hill runner compared to the other girls, so I was able to finish strong, and win the race. Obviously it was a very big win for me." That was probably the win that propelled her onto the national scene.

When she looks for people to thank, Melissa immediately turns to her father and grandfather. "I've always felt my grandfather watching over me, helping me in my races, pushing me spiritually. My father just gives me guidance, and knows exactly what I should be doing (for running). He knows what can and can't push me. He's the one who has me on my training plan over the summer."

Melissa definitely looks forward to running into her friend Emily more times in the next two years. "We have gone back and forth the past two years,

she's won some races and I've won some. I think it'll be great if we keep going at it. They made a huge deal when I won Regionals about me being from a prep school, and having two great runners from rival prep schools would be even better. My hope is that next year we are the two best runners in the country, racing each other 5 or 6 times a year."

Melissa also has high aspirations of continuing to run in college. "I've gotten a few basic recruiting letters from the Ivy leagues and UCLA sent me a lot of info. If there was one place I would like to go to it would be Stanford. I went to camp there last summer, met all the coaches, and fell in love with the place." Performances like these will obviously help her in that regard.

The possible icing on the cake this year for Donais would be a repeat of last year's Interscholastic Championship. "We really have a good team this year. We have many new people, and once we get in top shape there's no team that should beat us." An interesting note is that 3 girls on the squad run at the same club, Liberty Athletic Club in Belmont, alma mater of former marathoner Joan Benoit Samuelson.

Melissa's career to this point has been nothing short of spectacular, and there is no reason to see it slowing down. Now the only question is: will this fairy tale have a happy ending? The course looks smooth and level.

Correction: The Phillipian would like to apologize for misprinting the author of last week's Athlete of the Week article. That article was written by Dan Shvartsman, not Diana Dosik.

GIRLS X-COUNTRY FINISHES SEASON THIRD IN NEPSAC

CANTERBURY CHAMPIONS

Widespread Injuries Fail to Dampen Big Blue Spirit

by Jess Tory

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



In September 2001, the girl's cross country team showed up to pre-season excited, yet burdened with the expectations of living up to the title of Defending New England Champions. Although the varsity squad fell to St. Paul's and Exeter at the New England Championships in Deerfield, the junior varsity cleaned house, showcasing the team's incredible potential in the years to come.

Beginning with the Canterbury Invitational in early September, where the Blue took home the plaque as the 2000 Champions, the girls got off to a great start. Over the course of the season, the girls only lost twice, to St. Paul's and Exeter, the teams to whom they also fell to at Interschols. The highlight of the season for most of the team came during Parent's Weekend at the team's only home meet. Aside from enjoying the simple luxuries of sleeping in on a Saturday and avoiding stale bagels, the girls recorded their first shutout win of the season against a significantly weaker Deerfield squad. "The most amazing thing about that race," said Coach Nancy Lang '83, "is that everyone had at least their season's best times on our course. And for many of the girls, they also ran their best ever times in a 5K."

Unfortunately, one of the things that marked the girls' season was injury. Mid-way through the season, almost the entire team was sidelined in some form, due to problems ranging from stress fractures to colds. "Injuries were tough this Fall. On paper, we had so much potential it was scary. But

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Big Blue Cross-Country Sends Off Two Seniors

'01 SQUAD LARGELY THE SAME

Jay and Thomas Look to Lead Next Year's Squad to Triumph

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one thing that you can never rule out is the role that injury is going to play in your season," commented Jess Watson '01. "Unfortunately for us, injuries really affected our results."

Although the girls consistently turned in strong performances as a team, their success was due in large part to the contributions of their top runner, Melissa Donais '02. A fierce competitor, Donais was always eager to take the top spot, and if she could, break the course record. In addition to breaking her own record for Andover's course, Donais claimed the St. Paul's course record and the Exeter record, the latter having gone unbroken for nearly twenty years. "Melissa is an amazing person to have on our team," exclaimed Caitlin Littlefield '03. "It's inspiring just to watch her run!"

All in all, the girls had an excellent season, comparable to '99's championship season. It was a season of broken course records and personal bests. Looking ahead to 2001, when Andover will host New England's, Hilary Jay '02, who will be returning as team captain next fall, said: "We're getting a couple of new runners who will bring overall strength and depth up top. Our JV squad remains largely the same, as does our varsity with the exception of departing seniors Rina Ito and Jess Watson. And if Ann [Riordan] and Kathryn [Moore] come back and stay healthy, we should have a great season." Joining Jay is Anne Thomas '02, who will also be captaining the squad. Concerning next year, "I think that the fact that the coming season is a 'home season' will serious-



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Next year's Captain Hillary Jay '02 takes the lead against Exeter.

ly play to our advantage, given that Interschols are here next fall." Thomas hesitated, and then added: "And it'll be great to have more spectator support!"

SPORT: Field Hockey

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Merri Hudson, Mariel O'Brien

MANAGER:

COACH: Kate Dolan

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH: Martha Fenton

SEASON RECORD

WON 13 **LOST** 1 **TIED** 2

Letter Winners

Anneberg, Lauren J.
Barensfeld, Anna G.
Burke, Elizabeth E.
Cloyd, Gertrude S.
Gottlieb, Britt E.
Hudson, Marissa L.
Hudson, Meredith A.©
Liebermann, Nyssa K.
Locks, Sabrina A.
Locks, Vanessa M.

Mattison, Alice M.
Noero, Sophie M.
O'Brien, Mariel K.©
Oh, BiNa
Smith, Sarah E.
Suliman, Michaela K.
Tetrault, Cortney A.
vonWalstrom, Arabella
Wessling, Pamela D.

Field Hockey – Varsity

2000 – 2001

| No. | Name | Position | Class | Hometown |
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| 3 | Anneberg, Lauren J. | F | 2001 | Denver, CO |
| 7 | Barensfeld, Anna G. | GK | 2002 | Ellwood City, PA |
| 5 | Burke, Betsy | F | 2002 | Austin, TX |
| 20 | Cloyd, Trudi | F/M | 2003 | Houston, TX |
| 4 | Gottlieb, Britt | M | 2001 | Middlebury, VT |
| 12 | Hudson, Marrisona | F/M | 2004 | Danvers, MA |
| 10 | Hudson, Meredith A. | M | 2001 | Danvers, MA |
| 6 | Liebermann, Nyssa | M/B | 2003 | Magnolia, MA |
| 21 | Locks, Sabrina A. | B | 2001 | Philadelphia, PA |
| 1 | Locks, Vanessa M. | F | 2001 | Philadelphia, PA |
| 8 | Mattison, Alice M. | F | 2002 | Osterville, Ma |
| 2 | Noero, Sophie | F | 2002 | St. Louis, MO |
| 22 | O'Brien, Mariel K. | B | 2001 | Garden City, NY |
| 12 | Oh, Bina | F | 2002 | Greenfield, MA |
| 16 | Smith, Sarah E. | B | 2002 | Wilmington, DE |
| 17 | Suliman, Michaela | B | 2001 | Sherbon, MA |
| 18 | Tetrault, Cornetney | F/M | 2003 | Hatfield, MA |
| 14 | von Walstrom, Arrabella | B | 2001 | Norwalk, CT |
| 31 | Wessling, Pam | GK | 2002 | Hingham, MA |

Despite Two Scrimmage Wins, Field Hockey Drops Opener to Milton 5-3

by Julie Bramowitz
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 7 |
| Cushing | 2 |
| Andover | 3 |
| Groton | 1 |
| Milton | 5 |
| Andover | 3 |

After two phenomenal scrimmages against Cushing Academy and the Groton School, racking up winning scores of 7-2, and 3-1, respectively, Andover Varsity Field Hockey possessed the confidence they needed when approaching tough competitor Milton Academy today.

Co-captains Merri Hudson '01 and Mariel O'Brien '01, along with returning Varsity seniors Lauren Anneberg, Arabella von Walstrom, and the Ladies Locks, Sabrina and Vanessa, help shape a strong roster. BiNa Oh, Sarah Smith, Ali Mattison, and three year goalie Anna Barendsfeld, all uppers, round out the returning squad. With new additions Sophie Noero '02, Betsy Burke '02, Pam Wessling '02, Lowers Trudi Cloyd '03, Nyssa Lieberman '03, and Cortney Tetrault '03, Junior Marissa Hudson and post-graduate players Michaela Suliman, and Britt Gottlieb, the team has impressed all with its capability to truly unite and adapt quickly during a year predicted earlier as a time for rebuilding.

Last Wednesday the squad traveled south to Milton with clear intentions of continuing its winning streak. During

warm-ups prior to the game, the girls looked promising with their quick shots on goal and smooth, direct passes. On the other side of the field, the competition did not appear to be very threatening. However, only a few minutes into the first half, the opposition's aggressive attack scored a goal, surprising everyone — including the Milton players themselves — with this unexpected surge of intensity.

The Big Blue reacted rapidly, with Merri Hudson and Noero moving the ball into Milton's defensive zone, eventually setting up for a corner. Marissa Hudson's agility and sneaky stick skills thrust the ball into the goal,

tying up the score 1-1.

Andover was back on track, with swift forward Vanessa Locks literally running through purple and orange jerseys with unstoppable speed. Only mid-fielder Burke could keep up with this pounding pace, offering her teammate several opportunities to pass flat and through along the soggy and sparse field. The opponents were fierce and restless, though, and intercepted several of Andover's free hits.

This lapse in the offense did not seem to faze the defensive backbone of the team, Sabrina Locks, whose talents

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Betsy Burke '02 takes a shot during one of last week's field hockey game.

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Trailing All the Way, Field Hockey Falls to Milton After Two Victories



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With a defender hot on her tracks, Sara Smith '02 swipes at the ball trying to push upfield. Field hockey looked impressive in the preseason, but fell short in its first regular season match.

Resurgent Field Hockey Posts Two Shutout Victories

by Julie Bramowitz
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| Andover | 4 |
| Tabor | 0 |
| Andover | 2 |
| Governor Dummer | 0 |

If a set of lyrics could describe the renewed spirit of the girls' varsity field hockey team, which currently boasts a 3-1-1 overall record, it would undoubtedly be "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," the theme song of the current film "Remembering the Titans."

Last Friday, when field hockey joined the young men of varsity football on an excursion to see this movie, the unexpected combination of buttery popcorn thrown and the inspiring lines recited on the big screen stirred something up inside each of the players. The energy that the sport-oriented feature supplied the players with was evident when they stepped onto home turf last Saturday, finishing up their game against Tabor with a big 4-0 win.

The team had a rocky start to the season but after watching them play "fluidly," in the words of goalie Pam Wessling '02, this past week, both versus Tabor and on Wednesday, Governor Dummer, it is obvious that there is indeed no mountain high enough for these girls.

Co-captain Merri Hudson '01 initiated Blue domination by scoring the first goal against Tabor early in the game; Lauren Anneberg '01 assisted in attaining this first point. After only one minute, speed demon Vanessa Locks '01 sent the ball back into Tabor's goal, upping PA's lead to two. With eight minutes left in the first half, defensive player Michaela Suliman '01 had a strong shot off a corner, changing the score once again.

Nothing needed to be said during half time; the Blue knew the only thing that needed to continue during the second half was the unity they possessed as a team.

"In general, we're playing better as a unit, as a team," remarked Suliman, commenting on the revamped technique of the squad. Leading by three points, Andover was able to work on their skills during the second half, rather than worrying about the numbers on the scoreboard. Scoring goals is, however, always the primary aim of any game, and Cortney Tetrault '03 couldn't help but contribute the fourth and final point of the game.

It was Andover's determined defense, with

Sabrina Locks '01 backing up to every ball, and Sarah Smith '02 sticking to the post, that helped Wessling earn her first shutout game of the season.

On Wednesday, the Big Blue faced Governor Dummer Academy, but no matter how challenging the climb was, Andover found out quickly that the view truly is far better from the top.

Four minutes into the first half, Anna Barends '02 sent a powerful pass from the right side of the field, allowing offensive leader Vanessa Locks '01 to tip the ball reverse-stick past a disoriented GDA goalie.

At 15:00, the ball was once again in PA's possession, down in GDA's defensive zone. A shot was taken by a Blue forward, but a quick clear up the center by the goalie prevented it from going in. Nonetheless, the ball seemed destined to go in, as Tetrault scored her sixth goal of the season, an ideal shot from just inside the circle.

The remainder of the first half appeared frustrating for both Andover players and coaches. Questionable calls were made continuously, inhibiting the Blue from scoring any additional points. Regardless, at the half, coach Kate Dolan seemed extremely pleased with PA's work. After stressing the importance of forwards getting back on defense when the opposition has the ball, Dolan finally registered it with the girls. Prime examples included frontliners BiNa Oh '02 and Trudi Cloyd '03, who each stopped GDA free hits headed towards Andover's goal. Sophie Noero '02 also did a notable job of bringing the ball up the field and then finishing strong by making great connections with fast forward Betsy Burke '02. Despite unsuccessful attempts to score again in the second half, Andover was able to deny GDA any chance of getting to the Blue goal. In fact, goalie Wessling only touched the ball once during the entire span of the game, making this her second consecutive shutout.

This upcoming Saturday Big Blue faces another talented opponent. Choate. Although it will be a tough trek to victory, Suliman believes Andover has the capacity to score some serious points, saying, "We just need to get our shots off sooner."

"It should be challenging," aged Wessling. "We need to maintain the unity we have shown these past two games."

Marvin Gaye would be proud.



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Michaela Suliman '01 plays tough defense against a GDA player this past Wednesday.

Girls Field Hockey

Nets Two Wins

Supported by the
Scoring Effort of Locks

by Julie Bramowitz
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 3 |
| Choate | 1 |
| Andover | 2 |
| Beaver Country Day | 1 |

With last week's wins fresh in their minds, victorious Varsity field hockey players continued their streak of triumphs, conquering Choate on Saturday 3-1, and on Wednesday, beating Beaver Country Day 2-1. This added to their handsome record of five wins, one loss, and one tie. Both matches proved challenging during the first half, but Big Blue was able to unite and outperform both opponents during the remainder of each game.

Only ten seconds into the Choate game, Vanessa Locks '01 had her first shot on goal, but the keeper was keen on clearing the ball out. Wing Anna Barendsfeld '02 followed up with a hearty hit from the far right side, crossing the ball into the center, but Choate defense continued to prevent PA from scoring. Big Blue was dominating regardless, and soon the ball was back down in the circle. A shot was made, resulting in Choate's goalie making a weak decision to clear up the middle. Frontliner Betsy Burke '02 took advantage of the loose ball, as well as the short grass, performing a powerful push just inside the circle into the goal;

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Girls Hockey Blasts Through Two Opponents to Reach 5-1-1

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it was the first point of her Andover career.

Midfielder Merri Hudson '01 continued pressing Choate defense, sending a forceful slap up into the goalie's pads. Two minutes later, at 21:36, swift scorer Vanessa Locks '01 channeled the ball into the goal from a challenging right side angle, making it her first goal of the game, and the score 2-0. Choate had some noteworthy attempts to bring the ball down the field, but strong defense by Merri Hudson and Sarah Smith forbade the blue and gold clad players from getting any serious shots on goalie Pam Wessling '02. Unfortunately, only a minute later, a defensive lapse on Andover's part amounted into an offensive corner for Choate; a drive from the side resulted in a Choate goal changing the score to 2-1, with PA still in the lead.

Despite fatigue, Andover was determined to finish the game strong, entering the second half with a renewed sense of purpose. Blue defense became more patient, and was able to sense where the weaker team's passes were going. Defensive interceptions aided in forwarding the ball, and with only ten minutes left in the second half, Vanessa Locks scored her second goal of the game, altering the score for the final time to 3-1, Andover.

"I think I was more aggressive, more confident than usual...I don't feel Choate was a particularly strong team, and we were able to determine where all of their hits were headed," commented Vanessa Locks. Lauren Anneberg '01 played a noteworthy match as well, getting back to stop Choate's free hits.

The game on Wednesday versus BB&N was not an easy win. Although Andover continued its now 5-game winning streak, the first half of the contest was a serious struggle.

Both goals scored in the 2-0 match were not attained until the second half, and the entire team was frustrated," remarked Martha Fenton, one of the two varsity coaches. Merri Hudson and Betsy Burke '02 had some big hits into the circle, but without anyone on the post, no goals were scored. The play remained equal between the two teams

for the majority of the first thirty minutes, even though midfielder Britt Gottlieb '01 dominated on the right side of the field. Defenders Michaela Suliman and Sabrina Locks, both '01 consistently kept the ball from getting too close to Pam's pads, either by Suliman carrying it out to the left side, or Locks charging it up the center. With the score situated at 0-0, the Knights called a time-out twenty-four seconds before halftime.

During halftime, coaches Dolan and Fenton recognized that the foreign field was smaller than Blue was accustomed to. Thus it was necessary for players to adjust and create space by using more pulls to the sides and calling ball to avoid being too tight, especially where it was most crowded in the middle of the field.

Four minutes after the second-half whistle was blown, Anneberg tipped the ball into the opposition's goal off the right post, making her first goal of the game and the season. Only three minutes later, the backs passed the ball up the center of the field with Locks on the right to receive it. Sophie Noero '02 was free on the left side, and a great cross by Locks, followed by a touch by Noero, led Andover to a 2-0 lead. Fenton found this to be the true highlight of the game: "Vanessa and Sophie really connected, bringing the ball right up the middle." She adds, "It was a beautiful goal."

A BB&N drive managed to slip into Andover's goal but was quickly called back, as the shot was taken outside the circle. For the rest of the competition, forwards progressed with the defensive skills they have been honing the past few games. In addition to stopping the foe's free hits, they were also able to clear the ball out to the sides, therefore monopolizing the minuscule field.

As Nobles creeps up on the Big Blue as the next serious match, both players and coaches feel confident. "I haven't heard too much about them but I do think they have several new kids on the squad. Nobles is always a tough game," confesses Fenton. Clearly, Big Blue will have to do some risk taking this weekend to test how far they can continue with this superb streak.

FIELD HOCKEY SQUAD ON TOP OF ITS GAME GOING INTO STRETCH

Defense Will Make Difference In Two More One-Point Decisions

by Julie Bramowitz

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Nov. 3

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Is it possible for Girls Varsity Field Hockey, which has a current record of ten wins, two ties, and only one loss, to win back the championship title they last held in 1993? With wins both last Friday against Deerfield and on Wednesday versus Middlesex, both by close yet victorious scores of 1-0, it seems likely for PA to pursue such an ambitious aspiration. After last week's huge win over powerhouse St. Paul's, the Blue radiated confidence going into both of their recent tough matches. Cheered on by an impressive crowd of Parents Weekend supporters, the girls shone under the lights of Brothers' Field Friday night. The win was a great kickoff to a successful athletic weekend for the Big Blue, beginning an Andover sweep of all varsity contests.

Andover started strong right from the start, surprising Deerfield with a shot on goal forty seconds into the first half. With co-captain Merri Hudson '01 working as the nucleus of the team, Andover was able to keep the ball down in Deerfield's defense end. Hudson's good looks up the center of the field provided forward Vanessa Locks '01 with some fast breaks. In addition to leading on offense, Locks did a consistent job of getting back on free hits taken by Deerfield, making one particular excellent interception on the left side of the field. Andover soon had to gear into their defensive mode, however, dealing with a corner against them at 17:50. Commendable blocking by both Hudson, sweeper Michaela Suliman '01 and goalie Pam Wessling '02 pre-

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Playoff Hopes Look Bright for Defense-Minded Field Hockey

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vented Green from penetrating PA's goal.

Andover called a timeout at 14:40, allowing Coach Kate Dolan to remind the forwards to get back and build a wall of defense more quickly to prevent Deerfield from moving the ball down the field. The way the Blue was dominating offensively, it was clear that it would only be a matter of time before they would break through with a goal. Forward Marissa Hudson '04 was the one to make it happen, tapping in a goal off an assist from Ali Mattison '02 at 9:16.

Andover was truly put to the test when they began the second half. Deerfield had several great opportunities to score that failed only because the Green had no one right in front of the net to tap the ball in. Right back Sarah Smith '02 and left back co-captain Mariel O'Brien '01 stayed strong, steering the ball up the sides of the field. Merri Hudson also did a notable job of getting back on defense, with Wessling contributing several clears. Numerous high balls led to rapid changes in possession. Sabrina Locks '01 kept going however, moving to the ball and crossing fields to disorient the Green. Despite all these opportunities, however, neither team was able to score and the match closed out with the final score standing at 1-0, PA.

Returning to their usual field, the squad faced a smaller yet equally feisty Middlesex team on Wednesday. Altering the lineup was necessary due to the absence of starting defensive back

Suliman. The Blue put pressure on Middlesex, setting up for some corners early in the game. Merri Hudson kept the ball headed towards the opposition's goal, and right back Arabella von Walstrom '01 supplied the midfielders with side support. The Andover offense monopolized the entire beginning of the match. In the final twelve minutes of the half Middlesex stepped up their playing up a notch, challenging the Blue to react more promptly. At 3:45, PA had a close call as Middlesex hit a very strong shot into the defensive circle; luckily, it went off the endline and came back to Blue control.

Two minutes into the second half, Blue crossed the ball from the right side, and with a quick touch by left midfielder Betsy Burke '02, Andover netted its first and only goal of the game. Although the Blue did not increase its score after this initial point, there were some noteworthy carries up the aisles of the field by left wing Cortney Tetrault '03. Middlesex attempted to tie it up in the last few moments of the game, taking four corners in a row. The PA forwards grew tired from sprinting back to help out the defense, but the effort payed off as the clock ran down and Andover was left with the win.

The remaining games versus Pingree on Saturday and Winsor the following Wednesday before the final match against Exeter back on home ground will be telling of how Andover will fare in the post-season. An embroidered championship title would look very becoming on those handsome Blue varsity rugby shirts.

Eight-Goal Burst Breaks Field Hockey Out of Scoring Slump

by Merri Hudson
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The girls' varsity field hockey team kicked booty last Saturday in its only game of the week, finding the scoring outburst it had been holding in for the past few games. This eight-goal game was a good confidence booster for the post-season tournament.

Michaela Suliman '01 started the rush of goals with a hard push pass off the first offensive corner the Big Blue was awarded off an assist from BiNa Oh '02. The Pingree offense managed to get the ball out of their defensive circle, but could not penetrate the Andover defense that was holding the fifty-yard-line. Sabrina Locks '01 and Sarah Smith '02 stopped all offensive outbursts by the Pingree forwards. Britt Gottlieb '01 continued the scoring effort by adding two goals within eight minutes of each other assisted by forward Sophie Noero '02 and co-captain Merri Hudson '01. The Andover offense created many scoring opportunities by adding pressure to the Pingree defenders in the circle, which resulted in many short-corners. The Big Blue was able to practice some of its more complicated corner setups on the weaker Pingree squad.

Before the first half was over, Nyssa Liebermann '03 added yet another goal assisted by speedy forward Lauren

Anneberg '01 from the left wing. Anneberg showed strong stickwork as she wove through the Pingree defense.

Marissa Hudson '03 and Anna Barendsfeld also added goals in the first half, leaving the score 6-0 at halftime. Goalie Pam Wessling '02 did not see a shot in the first half.

Coach Kate Dolan made some changes in the lineup for the second half. Defenders Locks, Smith, Suliman and co-captain Mariel O'Brien '01 were moved up to the forward line. Though out of their element, the four peppered the Pingree goalie with shots from all over the circle. Ali Mattison '02 and Betsy Burke '02 added the final two goals in the second half for the Big Blue, rounding out that score at 8-0. It was a victory for the team both numerically and morally, as the girls hadn't scored more than four goals in their past three games. Wessling notched her third shutout in a row.

"I think it was awesome for us to score so much, because it was a good chance to practice our offensive pressure," commented Vanessa Locks '01, "Its going to be helpful in the tournament to be confident in our goal-scoring capabilities."

The girls look to end their remarkable season with a win over Exeter and a high seeding in the tournament that will give home-turf advantage to the Blue.

Nov. 10



Pam Wessling '02

"I'm never worried about giving up a goal with Pam behind me."

—Defender Sarah Smith '02

by Dan Shvartsman Nov. 10
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The competitive edge. The desire to improve yourself constantly and always give it your all. This is a motto great athletes live by, and what Athlete of the Week Pam Wessling '02 adopted as her slogan. It has brought her to the position of starting goalie on one of the top field hockey teams in New England Preps and the honor of being an Athlete of the Week.

Pam has made a stunning rise in the ranks here at Andover. The past two years she was on JV, and made the Varsity team this year. But she hasn't just been a fill-in on the roster, allowing only five goals in fifteen games, leaving her with a goals against average of 0.33. She didn't expect all this at all coming into the season. "I actually am (surprised). I wasn't sure how tough it was on the varsity level. But I think my mindset really wanted to improve, and it's helped us to win. I get frustrated really quickly; but then I realize that all I can do is my best, if I do that then I should have no disappointment. I think I just really wanted (to be on the team), and that's what got me here."

The fact that Pam didn't make the squad in her first two years didn't get her hopes up. "I didn't even try out freshman year, because I knew my sister was there in net. Then last year I didn't make it, but they had two good goalies in Bernadette (Doykos '00) and Anna (Barensfeld '02). I just kept working at for a shot this year."

Pam's start in the sport goes all the

way back to the 5th grade. "All the other girls in my grade were playing, so I decided to join. Then before the 1st game, the goalie in 6th grade was sick, so the coach told me, 'You're going in goal' and I was really surprised. She told me I was aggressive and it should work well, so I agreed. I remember, it was against CRS, and we actually shut them out 2-0. Over the next four years my school team, Derby, went undefeated." Another important part to Pam's career was the fact that her sister, Chace Wessling '99, started playing at the same time, also in net. "We started at the same time, so she really didn't get me into the sport, but her being in goal helped me to follow in her footsteps and stay in net."

Chace has obviously been an influence on Pam's career, but there are others. She relates, "One camp I went to, the summer before 8th grade, there was this really awesome goalie coach. There were only five of us (goalies), and I'd have to play against high school juniors and seniors. I'd get really frustrated, and finally she said, 'you don't have to do this, but there's a reason you are doing this. You're trying to improve and do your best.'"

Pam definitely enjoys field hockey as a sport and being a goalie. "Field hockey, if it's done right, gives off an amazing sense of fluidity, and unlike some sports, the whole team needs to play well to win, you have to really work together. You should just look at our team, and see how we pass, it's great." As for goalie, she remarks, "I just started there (goalie) and went with it. There's really a lot of glory associated with the position, but it's

really hard. It's nice to feel important to your team, know that you played a role in the victory. There's nothing better than the feeling you get after making a big save." She also commented on the view that field hockey is a sport with far too many whistles and odd rules. "I'm completely used to all the rules, and if you think about it, in football the whistle is blown much more than in field hockey."

When analyzing her game, Pam sees positives in the intangibles. "I think I have good poise out there, my defense tells me I calm them down. My biggest strength is consistency, and my heart." She did point out a few weaknesses in her game though. "I still need to work on my angles, and my swiftness to the ball, but that comes with conditioning and agility drills."

Teammates and coaches alike are very glad to welcome Pam on the team. Coach Kate Dolan says, "In our four toughest games she's only allowed one goal, and that's what has propelled us to such a great season." Lauren Anneberg '01 comments, "She's done a really good job this season. She has a quiet confidence in her and is always focused in games and in practice, she always takes them seriously, and deserves a lot of credit to our season." Defender Sarah Smith '02 states, "I'm never worried about giving up a goal with Pam behind me."

Pam has taken an ascendance from nowhere to the top. Andover is looking for a similar recovery from their one loss, hoping to take the title. Seeing how well it's worked for Pam and Andover so far, the girls can expect a lot.

FIELD HOCKEY BESTED

St. Paul's Outplays a
Flat PA Squad, but
Season a Success

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Tears were shed as a St. Paul's School defeated Andover Girls' Varsity Field Hockey on the grounds of Bentley College, where the 2000 NEPSAC Field Hockey semifinals were held Saturday, November 18th. Finishing the season at 13-1-2, The Big Blue field hockey team, seeded second in the tournament, entered the playoffs with high expectations. After edging out Deerfield in the previous round with a slim 1-0 win in overtime thanks to senior co-captain Merri Hudson's goal, Andover squared off against St. Paul's. Andover had knocked off St. Paul's earlier in the season, but in the tournament, previous results mean nothing. In the first half, Andover relied on its strong core of defense. At the conclusion of the half, the two teams were knotted at zero. Andover's defense though could not prevail in the second half. St. Paul's scored two goals that sealed the heartbreaking loss for Andover. The Big Blue was not able to generate any offense as St. Paul's defenders fended off the few scoring drives of Andover.

However, soon after on the bus ride back to campus, the team could be found turning their frowns into cheerful smiles, realizing that their #2 seed and title as third best team in the division after the semifinals was a whole lot better than they had ever expected at the start of the year. With a 13-1-2 regular season record, with one win and one loss in the championship games, Andover hadn't seen a field hockey team this successful since their New England title winning 1993 roster. Led by co-captains Merri Hudson

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Semifinal Tournament Defeat Puts Only Small Damper on Field Hockey

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'01 and Mariel O'Brien '01, the girls progressed throughout the fall with a "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" mantra inspiring them to succeed. Clearly the only mountain too steep for Andover to climb was the powerful Milton Academy squad, this year's New England champions, to whom they lost early on in the season. A significant amount of Blue's wins were shut-outs, thanks to first-year varsity goalie Pam Wessling '02, as well as three-year upper Anna Barendseld '02, who retired as goalie only a few games into the season.

Some of the most significant moments in the season included their first victory of 7-2 during a scrimmage versus Cushing Academy. A group field trip to the movie theater to watch

the inspirational movie "Remember the Titans" stirred something up within each of the players, providing them with the fuel to go ahead and win six consecutive games. Most memorably though is when the girls faced tough competitor St. Paul's, whom they hadn't beaten in six years. Defeating SPS 2-1, midseason gave the team the confidence that carried them all the way to semifinals. Other proud moments included the Blue's first win of the regular season over Harvard JV 2-0, a Parents' Weekend win under the lights over Deerfield, a huge blowout victory over Pingree School 8-0, and then wrapping up the season with a highly-gratifying 4-0 triumph over arch-rival Exeter.

Offense this season was dominated by new upper Betsy Burke '02 and two

year varsity member Vanessa Locks '01, with Lauren Anneberg '01, Trudi Cloyd '03, Britt Gotlieb '01, Marissa Hudson '04, Ali Mattison '02, Sophie Noero '02, BiNa Oh '02 and Cortney Tetrault '03 contributing to the team's impressive total of thirty-eight season goals. Barendseld '02 also had a turnaround term, making a quick adjustment from the goal cage to a high right wing. On offensive corners, seniors Michaela Suliman and Merri Hudson, were key on capitalizing shots going into goal. Sabrina Locks '01, who played defense for the squad for three years, was an integral part of shutting down opponents' offenses. O'Brien as left back always kept the other team's offense frustrated with her effective drives and speed. Sarah Smith '02 also had a great season as starting right back and will be a true leader for next year's defense. Varsity veteran Arabella von Walstrom '01 and new addition Nyssa Liebermann '03 made for a great defensive combo as well. Wessling finished off the lineup, only letting in twelve goals during her first year of varsity field hockey.

Head Coach Kate Dolan and Assistant Coach Martha Fenton '83, Co-captain O'Brien believes, "[have] very different personalities, but they compliment each other." O'Brien elaborated on her comment as the two coaches being "good guides" for the team: Almost every week coach Dolan would type up little computer handouts intended to inspire us. "Both of them were a big influence on the season." Co-captain Hudson agreed: "They were great the whole season. They carried the team. When we lost the first game, they knew exactly what to say."

Even though O'Brien will graduate, along with eight other seniors, she has high hopes for next year's team: "The uppers this year contributed greatly this year and were a great addition to the team; they are really strong and have a lot of potential. A lot of them started over seniors. Plus, they have a lot of spark; they're really fun, so they should be great leaders for next year." Indeed it seems, it was the fun and the spirit that united an initially separated squad. O'Brien confessed that she was not so optimistic about the team at first. "Coming into the season, I was a little nervous; we had lost ten seniors, and I was unaware of the talent in the team." However both Hudson and O'Brien unanimously agree that it was the friendships which progressed throughout the season that made the team so strong. "We had so much fun both on and off the field. Practice was not just all work, the bond between us all was really unbelievable." Hudson commented. "And I wouldn't trade that for anything in the world."

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Merri Hudson – Field Hockey

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"I don't think I could even imagine my life at Andover without field hockey." The Andover field hockey program would undoubtedly return the compliment, as Merri Hudson '01 is the only four-year Varsity player on the team, a Captain two years running, the Boston Globe's New England MVP, and a Yale recruit. Hudson's overtime goal against Deerfield in this year's tournament quarter-finals banished the Green Team from the field, leading the Big Blue into the New England Championship semi-finals for the first time since 1993. Hudson was an inspiration to her teammates, and she asserts that they inspired her as well. "I couldn't have asked for a better team," she said. "I miss them already."

Merri's flourishing field hockey career stemmed from a passion for field hockey's wintery counterpart. "Ice hockey was actually my big sport in middle school, and one of the main reasons I applied to Andover was because I wanted to play on the girls team," Hudson commented. The public high school in Danvers, Massachusetts, Hudson's home town, had only a boys' ice hockey team, so Hudson decided to apply both to Andover and to Pingree, a local day school. "I chose Andover because it was bigger, and also because of the education," she said. As she started the Andover application process, she also started playing field hockey, and fell in love. Beginning that first season as a goalie, Hudson soon realized that the padded position was not for her, and perfected her field skills in camps during the summer. Her decision to play field hockey was serendipitous: "I had always played soccer in the fall, but I was getting kind of bored with it and wanted to try something else."

In 1997, Merri's experiment attracted the eye of Dave Foley, the coach of an under-nineteen Massachusetts club team called the Cape Ann Coalition. Along with the coalition, Hudson trekked all over the country, finishing with a gold medal win at the National Field Hockey Festival in Palm Beach, Florida. The next summer, Hudson again found herself on a sandy shore; this time in Virginia Beach, Virginia, for the Junior Olympics. "That was a really important tournament," recalls Merri, "because it was from there that kids were selected to join the National Team." Hudson's performance in Virginia earned her a spot on the under-sixteen National Team. "We trained in

North Carolina, which was really nice, and then we went to Amsterdam for a Five Nations Easter Tournament, where we took third place." Hudson's international stick handling elevated her play to new heights, despite her initial butterflies. "At first, I was so nervous, because all of the girls on the team were so good," she remarked. "But it ended up being a great learning experience, which helps on the Andover field. After every summer I would come back to Andover with a little more experience, and it would make a big difference."

While her field hockey career was taking off, Hudson forged ahead with her original passion. She has played for the Varsity ice hockey team since her freshman year, and will start the 2000-2001 as team captain. Rounding out the school year, Hudson devotes her spring afternoons to the Varsity lacrosse team, where she is a three-year veteran.

As with field hockey, Hudson was also a late-comer to her spring stick-sport, beginning her lacrosse career the summer before arriving at PA. "I have actually played softball my whole life and went to two national tournaments as a catcher," she informed. "But I had such a good time with the field hockey girls when I came to Andover, and I realized that most of them played lacrosse." With the help of seniors Annie Morris '98 and Whitney Grace '98, Hudson learned the lacrosse ropes, and made Varsity her lower year.

Hudson's fervent devotion to field hockey at Andover is one part of what made her a great captain. However, her teammates insist that her infectious optimism, and constant faith in the team were Hudson's foremost attributes. "The team took losing the first game really hard," explained teammate Vanessa Locks '01, "because we had such high expectations for the team and then we lost our first game [to Milton]. Merri had confidence in the team from the beginning, and really took up a positive attitude." Merri's dogged spirit was put to the test in the Deerfield game, when a six-versus-six overtime had the whole team on edge. "Overtime is exhausting," Locks said flatly, "because it's only six people on the same size field." Hudson refused to let either tension or fatigue affect her game, and quickly scored the winning goal off of an Andover rebound, sealing a 1-0 victory.

Looking back on these moments of glory, Hudson agrees that this past field hockey season was her favorite of her four PA years. "We [the team] had so much fun together," she reminisced, "even more than the games, I would

look forward to going to practice. Even running was fun, because we were all running together." Hudson credits much of the season's success to senior leadership. "We've been together the longest, and have played on other teams together. Especially with so many new kids, the strength and leadership of the seniors was really important; they really took the others under their wings," Merri explained. Another highlight for Hudson was the presence of a second Hudson on the team: younger sister Marissa '04.

Merri envies the three years her sister still faces playing on the Andover team, under the aegis of long-time coach Kate Dolan. "Kate has motivated me in was that I had never imagined," she said. "She was like a mom, helping me with the college process, and leaving me phone messages after games. She was always more than just a coach, and that was one of the most influential parts of my Andover experience."

Dolan's care and influence is superceded only by that of Hudson's father, who "has been my biggest motivation my whole life." An avid athlete himself, having played both ice hockey and baseball, Merri's father has taught her to play "basically every sport." Hudson also credits her parents for constantly shuttling her and her sister to games, practices, and tournaments without complaint. "There have been days when my dad has taken my sister to a field hockey game, ice hockey practice, and ice hockey game, and my mom has driven me to field hockey, and ice hockey and then we all met up for dinner. It definitely gets pretty crazy sometimes," she admitted. "But that was my childhood, running around playing sports. I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Hudson is currently in B-camp, a level of national rank "two steps below" Olympic category. Chosen as a Boston Globe All-Scholastic athlete in 1999, and leading the 2000 Phillips Academy team to second place in the New England championships, Hudson looks forward to the possibility of hopping through those next two ranks and playing on the U.S. team. For the moment, however, she is focusing on a closer goal: Division I field hockey.

Hudson hopes to continue her stick-wielding career next year at Yale University, where she applied early. "I met the coach and I really liked the team, and of course the education," she clarified. "If anyone deserves it, it's Merri," affirmed teammate Lauren Anneberg '01. "She's a great captain, and a great kid."

Field Hockey Places Second



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Vanessa Locks '01 weaves through St. Paul's defenders on the way to the net.

Forty-eight goals. Fifteen wins. Ten shutouts. #2 in New England.

Not bad for team that needed to fill numerous open spots on its roster in early September. Girls' Varsity Field Hockey not only had one of its most skilled and solid groups of players in the 2000 season, but the squad also had the most successful season Andover has seen from the sport since 1993.

After saying farewell to half of the team in 1999, the few returning players were unsure of what to expect for the coming season. Even co-captain and starting left back Mariel O'Brien '01, when reflecting back on the season in December, confessed that "coming into the season I was a little nervous; we had lost ten seniors, and I was unaware of the talent in the team."

In addition to former JV goalie, Pam Wessling '02, Coach Kate Dolan also picked up several other highly-skilled players, all of whom were new to the school. Yet the team was able to bond very quickly, as co-captain and four-year varsity veteran Merri Hudson '01 noted: "We had so much fun on and off the field. Practice was not just all work; the bond among us all was really unbelievable."

Before Dolan and fellow coach Martha Fenton '83 narrowed the team down to its final roster, Andover faced

Cushing Academy in a preseason scrimmage. With over twenty girls participating in the match, PA was able to give everyone a chance to play. A 7-2 victory for the Blue made everyone happy. However, it was only the select few who really shined on the field that were able to keep their varsity uniforms, such as new Uppers Betsy Burke, and Sophie Noero. Cortney Tetrault '03 also made herself known to the coaches when she scored two goals in the Cushing game. Two more lowers, Trudi Cloyd '03 and Nyssa Liebermann '03, will be looked to in coming years for leadership and immense speed. Marissa Hudson '04 was also a presence on the field, scoring some of the most crucial goals of the season, including the sole point in the Andover/Deerfield match on Parents' Weekend. PGs Michaela Suliman '01 and Britt Gottlieb '01 also made the final cut.

Returning seniors Lauren Anneberg '01, Vanessa Locks '01, Sabrina Locks '01, and Arabella von Walstrom '01 were looked to for spirit and experience. Ali Mattison '02, BiNa Oh '02, and Sarah Smith '02, who combined have the field covered offensively and defensively, learned to work with the new players. Completing the lineup was goalie

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Anna Barends '02, who has been blocking shots for the varsity Blue since she was a freshman.

After two successful scrimmages, Blue faced Milton Academy. It was the team's first and only loss of the regular season and played a huge part in keeping the girls united. However, it was the coaches who truly kept spirits high and disappointment to a minimum. Hudson remarked, "[Coaches Dolan and Fenton] carried the team. When we lost the first game, they knew exactly what to say."

Shortly after their 3-5 loss to Milton, (who went on to win the 2000 New England title), Andover faced off against Loomis-Chaffee. They also presented the Blue with a serious challenge. For the first time in three years, Barends did not start in goal. Instead, she was positioned as a right

wing, hoping to up the Blue goal count. Wessling was able to fill Barends' goaltending shoes, playing a terrific game to the bitter end, even through the ten-minute overtime. Andover left Connecticut with a 1-1 tie, unable to regain their preseason momentum.

The girls then challenged Harvard's JV team. Finishing with a 2-1 victory, Andover took home its first win of the regular season, as well as some added confidence and a hopeful outlook.

After the win at Harvard, Blue went on to win six consecutive games. Then, a scoreless tie at Northfield Mt. Hermon gave the squad a desperately needed reality check: its next game would be against St. Paul's, whom they hadn't defeated in over five years. Nevertheless, quick right wing Vanessa Locks '01 initiated the

attack on the SPS goal and, early into the second half, scored the first point of the game and put Andover in the lead. But SPS wasn't ready to give up so easily, especially since they arrived at PA with an undefeated record. Only a few moments after Locks' point, the Red came back, tying it up 1-1. With only a few minutes left in the game, Burke pushed the ball right between the pads of SPS goalie, and for the remainder of the game, Andover was able to dominate. Superb defense by Suliman and Sabrina Locks '01 kept any prospects of SPS scoring again at a minimum.

Over Parents' Weekend, the team was finally able to showcase its skills underneath the lights of the Brothers Field. Powerhouse Deerfield was no easy match, and the game remained painfully even until forward Marissa Hudson tapped a ball into Green's net

towards the end of the first half, scoring the sole goal of the evening.

PA finished off the season with four more victories; the most satisfying of which was the defeat of rival Exeter, whom the Blue crushed 4-0. Ranked #2 in a very competitive line up of New England schools, Andover had to face Deerfield once again in order to move onto the semifinals of the NEPSAC tournament. The evenly matched game was the most nail-bitingly suspenseful match of the season. Merri Hudson held that it was "the hardest game we've played all season."

With the game finishing 0-0, a winner had to be determined; thus the Blue put in six of its players for a ten-minute sudden death overtime. Goalie Wessling played her best game of the season, continuously saving hard shots. It appeared as if the two teams would be forced to battle it out all night long. Even though Blue was prepared for the running, the overtime was still wearing them down. Though Hudson scored, giving Andover the win, the team was quickly denied any chances of moving onto New England finals when it was easily defeated by a revived St. Paul's squad.

The victory over SPS in the regular season was no indicator of the two teams match-up during tournament play. The elimination from the NEPSAC tournament was a disappointing ending to an otherwise triumphant season.

So close to the championship and yet so far away, Andover may well have a good shot at obtaining the New England title in 2001. With eleven returning varsity players and lots of hot prospects from the JV squad, Andover field hockey just might be able to sport a title they haven't owned for eight years. Under the leadership of captain-elect Barends, the bigger question lingering on in everyone's mind is whether or not the team will be able to unite and have as much fun as they did this past year. If there were anything O'Brien wished could have been different about the season, "the season would have lasted a bit longer."

As far as fun is concerned, O'Brien is confident that Barends will be able to uphold her and Merri Hudson's legacy. "Anna will definitely be a good captain. She's very serious about the game and everyone looks up to her, but she also knows how to have fun. I have a lot of faith in her." Equally optimistic, Andover has a lot of faith in the girls field hockey team being able to repeat next year a season as full of accomplishments as this past one.

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SPORT: Football

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Braxton D. Winston, Scott M. Ward

MANAGER: Nieka Durant, Sheena K. Hopkins, Erin Kerrison

COACH: Leon Modeste

ASSISTANT HEAD COACHES: Lou Bernieri

ASSISTANT COACHES: Steve Carter, Chip Dunn, Raj Mundra,
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Dougherty, Matthew B.
Felch, Dean H.
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Harris, Jordan A.
Hogan, Benjamin M.

Hopkins Sheena K. mgr
Horvath, Michael T.
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Lemire, Joseph D.
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Serov, Dmitry B.
Simms, Jonathan T.
Sinclair, Kevin S.
St. Peter, Mitchell G
Ward, Andrew M.
Ward, Scott M.©
White Damion L.
Winston, Brandon J.
Winston, Braxton D.©

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| No. | Name | Pos. | Hgt. | Wgt. | Class | Hometown |
|-----|---------------------------|-------|------|------|-------|-----------------------|
| 76 | Adler, Jonathan E. | T/DT | 5'11 | 215 | 2001 | Washington, DC |
| 64 | Boylan, Dean F. | OG/DT | 5'11 | 198 | 2003 | Andover, MA |
| 4 | Butcher, Corbin S. | K | 5'11 | 172 | 2001 | Key Biscayne, FL |
| 2 | Chang, Benjamin S. | WR/DB | 6'0 | 155 | 2002 | Chicago, IL |
| 65 | Choi, Kingsley T. | DE | 6'0 | 190 | 2001 | Boxford, MA |
| 21 | DeOssie, Zackary R. | QB/S | 6'4 | 185 | 2003 | North Andover, MA |
| 71 | deVos, Aaron C. | T/DT | 6'2 | 215 | 2001 | Boxford, MA |
| 62 | Dougherty, Matthew B. | G/LB | 5'11 | 200 | 2001 | Middleburg, VA |
| 40 | Felch, Dean H. | WR/DB | 6'0 | 170 | 2002 | Chatham, NJ |
| 33 | Ginn, Laredo F. | FB/LB | 6'0 | 200 | 2001 | Panama City, FL |
| 23 | Harris, Jordan A. | RB/DB | 6'1 | 167 | 2002 | Nashville, TN |
| 28 | Hogan, Benjamin M. | WR/DB | 5'10 | 157 | 2001 | Spokane, WA |
| 1 | Horvath, Michael T. | TB/LB | 6'2 | 217 | 2001 | Old Greenwich, CT |
| 38 | Johnson, Douglas M. | DR/DB | 6'1 | 163 | 2002 | Andover, MA |
| 55 | Judson, Jonathan M. | G/DE | 6'0 | 215 | 2002 | Methuen, MA |
| 83 | Lemire, Joseph D. | G/DE | 6'3 | 205 | 2001 | Lowell, MA |
| 68 | Malo, Nathaniel J. | G/LB | 6'3 | 205 | 2003 | Atkinson, NH |
| 81 | Martignetti, Ferdinand C. | WR/DB | 5'10 | 165 | 2002 | Chestnut Hill, MA |
| 51 | McKinnon, Andrew R. | OL/LB | 5'11 | 191 | 2001 | Brooklyn, NY |
| 24 | Meacham, Bradford P. | RB/DB | 5'10 | 165 | 2001 | Munster, IN |
| 44 | Murnane, Charles H. | K/WR | 6'1 | 187 | 2001 | Andover, MA |
| 9 | Murphy, Kyle P. | FB/LM | 5'6 | 175 | 2003 | Plymouth, MA |
| 61 | Myers, Peter G. | OL/DL | 5'8 | 187 | 2001 | Brooklyn, NY |
| 5 | Nyadjroh, Adjatay S. | RB/DB | 6'1 | 182 | 2003 | Somerville, MA |
| 50 | Pearson, John H. | LB | 6'0 | 200 | 2001 | Lowell, MA |
| 12 | Reist, Jay T. | RB/DB | 6'0 | 160 | 2001 | New York, NY |
| 75 | Rodriguez, Joshua | NG | 6'1 | 325 | 2001 | New York, NY |
| 72 | Serov, Dmitry B | OL/DE | 6'3 | 184 | 2002 | Stonington, CT |
| 3 | Simms, Jonathan T. | WR/DB | 6'3 | 180 | 2002 | Bourne, MA |
| 66 | Sinclair, Kevin S. | OG | 6'2 | 211 | 2001 | Pacific Palisades, CA |
| 19 | St Peter, Mitchell G | TE/SS | 6'3 | 177 | 2002 | San Francisco, CA |
| 85 | Ward, Andrew, M. | WR/DD | 6'1 | 153 | 2003 | Boxford MA |
| 45 | Ward, Scott, M.* | RB/DB | 6'1 | 195 | 2001 | Boxford, MA |
| 11 | White, Damion | QB | 6'5 | 190 | 2001 | Charlotte, NC |
| 70 | Winston, Brandon | OL/DI | 6'1 | 185 | 2002 | Brooklyn, NY |
| 10 | Winston, Braxton D.* | RB/LB | 6'3 | 215 | 2001 | Brooklyn, NY |



Football Squad, Led by Veterans and PGs, Takes Aim at Repeat NE Crown

by Joe Lemire

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

The defending champion Andover football team (that has a nice ring to it!) is looking to become the first team in the New England Prep School Athletic Conference (NEPSAC) to repeat their crown in the past decade. The Big Blue have appeared in more championship games (five) and won more titles (three) than any of its competitors in that period. The squad returned to the site of its glorious

championship victory Tuesday to begin a grueling week of double practices, but being the best does not come without hard work.

Andover graduated off many of its key players in June, including Lucas McArdle, Justin Blanch, Billy Brancaccio, Terrell Ivory, and last year's conference MVP, quarterback Marc Hordon. Despite some key losses, the team looks poised for another title run. On most teams, losing all but five starters (co-captains Braxton Winston '01 and Scott Ward '01, Aaron DeVos '01, Jonathan Judson '02, and kicker Corbin Butcher '01) would spell disaster, but a deep bench and the enrollment of some highly talented post-graduate players will help alleviate the losses. Ward explained it simply, "We've got a lot of guys new to the team who should help a lot and some returning guys who need it step up their play from last year. If we have that right fit, that right mold, and we all gel together, then we'll have another excellent season."

If Andover has one major strength, it is the athleticism and talent of the team, especially in its four starting linebackers: Winston, Ward, Laredo Ginn '01, and Michael Horvath '01. Its one glaring weakness, at least as far as can be identified through just a few practices, is size on the offensive line. Judson and DeVos represent the line's only two returning starters; the rest of the line is full of question marks, but the early favorites are John Pearson '01, Matt Dougherty '01, Min Sup Song '01, Kevin Sinclair '01, and Josh Rodriguez '01, all of whom served as backups on last year's team.

The dynamics of the offense will be drastically different this year. Without Hordon and the four postgraduate wideouts from a year ago, PA will not feature such a wide-open attack and will return, at least somewhat, to a more conservative, run-oriented approach. And who can blame them?

With speedy quarterback Damien White '01 and a full backfield of talent, including post-grads Ginn, Harvath, and Ward, Andover should have a strong ground game. Fear not, fans of the run-and-gun offense, footballs will still be flying through the air thanks to White's strong arm and a multitude of talent at wideout in the persons of new upper J.T. Simms, PG Charles Murnane, Zack DeOssie '03, Freddy Martignetti '02, and Ben Chang '02. The aerial attack may simply be toned down a little.

Special teams should be solid again. Despite the loss of booming kickoff man Nat Carr '00 and punter Mark Ottariano '00, Butcher returns as the place kicker and newly ordained a kickoff man. While the search for a punter continues, expect a marked improvement in the coverage teams. There is one new addition to the coaching staff, Brendan McGrail '89, and he will oversee Andover's special teams. Any of the team's speedy backs or receivers will serve as dangerous return-men.

This squad certainly has a lot of promise, but they will need to have another sensational season to match the success of last year's team. For the new students and for those uppers with so much work that they didn't leave their dorm room all last, the Big Blue captured the NEPSAC championship on the heels of a 7-1 regular season record, highlighted by a big 19-7 victory over arch-rival Exeter. The teams entered the game with matching 6-1 records and a berth in the coveted Prep Bowl (the NEPSAC title game) on the line. Andover went on the road and won in front a capacity crowd of 8000. They built off that momentum and beat Salisbury 14-13 the following week to capture the crown at home. New quarterback White is unfazed by the thought of pressure and is confident enough in his teammates that he proudly declared, "We're going 9-0!" We hope so too, Damien.



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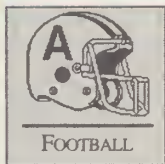
Ben Chang '02 catches a football during football preseason.

Defense Stymies Cushing as Football Wins Early Scrimmage

by Kevin Sinclair
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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Last Saturday, September 16th, the Phillips Academy varsity football team defeated its first opponent of the

year, the Cushing Penguins, 13-0, in their annual preseason scrimmage. This scrimmage served as tool for both coaching staffs to test their offenses and defenses while watching from on the field. Both teams received two offensive drives of ten plays each before playing a "real" quarter of football. Afterwards, both second teams played against each other for one ten play drive of offense and defense.

Head Coach Leon Modeste said that he was pleased with what he saw in the scrimmage because it showed that "some of our younger, untested kids will be able to play for us." This scrimmage was an opportunity for Andover to try its new arsenal of athletes. For the most part, all fronts delivered. The centerpiece of Andover's defense was the linebacker core of co-captains Scott Ward '01 and Braxton

Winston '01, as well as Laredo Ginn '01 and Michael Horvath '01. Mitchell St. Peter '02 played for Ward who injured his ankle in an intra-squad scrimmage.

Playing in their first competitive setting as a unit, this linebacker core repeatedly tackled behind the line of scrimmage, shutting down Cushing's offense and preventing them from penetrating into Andover's half of the field for the entirety of the quarter. Most devastating was Ginn, who dominated Cushing's backfield, and at one point sprinted eighteen yards off of his pass coverage to sack Cushing's scrambling quarterback. In regards to Ginn, Assistant Head Coach Lou Bernieri repeatedly said, "We've found ourselves a weapon."

On the defensive line, tackle Aaron deVos '01 and defensive end Jonathan Judson '02 proved themselves once again after strong Varsity seasons last year. However, it was the newcomers to the starting lineup who truly impressed. Tackle Brandon Winston '02 and defensive end Joe Lemire '01 stepped up and showed that they could compete at this level of play.

Newcomers Ben Chang '02, Zack

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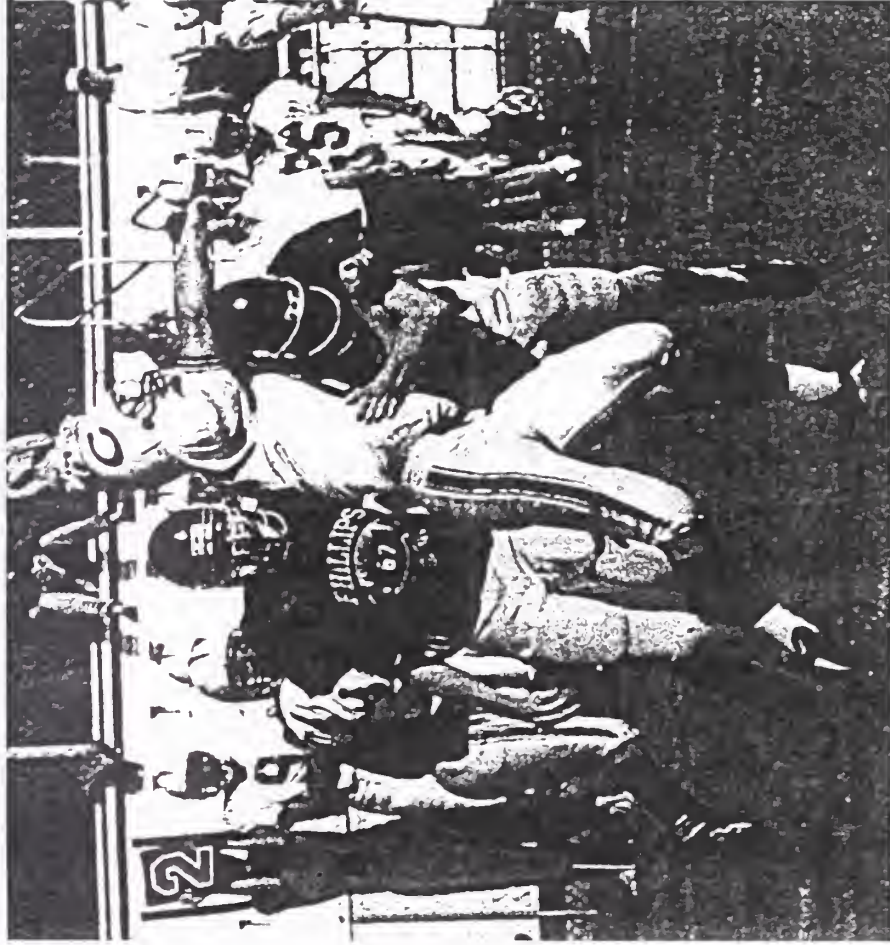


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J.T. Simms '00 catches a pass and scores a touchdown for the Big Blue during Andover's 13-0 drubbing of Cushing on Saturday.

Sept. 22

Football Gears Up for Challenging Loomis Game; Running Game to Receive Increased Emphasis



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SMACK! - Laredo Ginn '01 caused an interception then caught by Michael Horvath '01 in last Saturday's scrimmage match against Cushing.

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DeOssie '03, and Freddy Martignetti '02 formed Andover's starting defensive secondary. Chang had one interception in Cushing's first drive. Kyle Murphy '03 and Nate Malo '03 also impressed the coaching staff by stepping up and playing nose guards.

On offense, Quarterback Damion White '01 connected with receiver JT Simms '02 for two touchdowns during the quarter of play. Coach Modeste was particularly pleased that even when Cushing knew exactly to whom Andover would throw to in the last play of the game, they were still unable to cover Simms and prevent a last second touch down.

Andover's running game was not quite as impressive as it is anticipated to be later in the season. Andover had to adapt its run-oriented offense on

Friday before the game when center John Pearson '01 discovered that he would be unable to play in the scrimmage with an injured back. This prompted Coach Bernieri to move Matt Dougherty '01 from left guard to center, Kevin Sinclair '01 from right tackle to left guard, and Josh Rodriguez onto the field at right tackle. The line had to rely on veterans deVos and Judson for leadership. Nonetheless, Horvath had a good rushing game, even when the offensive line was tentative and somewhat unsure of itself.

Coach Modeste also commented that he was impressed with the second team, who scored two touchdowns in ten plays. Both Modeste and Bernieri regularly remind their athletes that at any point in a game, a starter might get injured, and one of these athletes will need to step up and fill his spot.

Against Cushing, three starters, kicker Corbin Butcher '01, Pearson, and Ward, were unable to play due to injuries. The second team's performance showed that in the future, the can be counted upon to play.

This weekend, Andover plays at Loomis-Chaffee in the the first game of the regular season. Andover expects to see Loomis playing in a 4 - 3 defense, which should open huge holes in the defensive line for tailback Horvath. Loomis will most likely prepare to take on the White/Simms passing game, especially after the report they likely received from Cushing about the Andover offense. Loomis will hopefully be unready for neither Horvath, nor White, who is amazingly fast, especially in comparison to previous Andover quarterbacks. Still, Andover plans to implement a deep-threat passing game, regardless of any preparations Loomis might make

On defense, Andover expects to see a four-receiver set, with a lone running back in the backfield. This is a very aggressive offense, but it is ill equipped to deal with Andover's four impressive linebackers, especially now that Ward is healthy. On pass plays, there simply will not be enough people to block all of the serious threats that the Andover defense can attack with in their numerous blitz packages.

Last year Andover won the New England Class "A" championship, losing only one game all year to Kent. This team hopes to go undefeated and retain the championship, and the journey to the last victory on the cold, third Saturday of November starts this weekend. Since the start of the nineties, no team has won back-to-back championships. Andover wants to be the first team that ends that drought.

Sept. 22

Varsity Football Roster

No. Name

| | |
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| 76 | Adler, Jonathan |
| 22 | Baschuk, Bryce |
| 64 | Boylan, Dean |
| 4 | Butcher, Corbin |
| 2 | Choi, Kingsley |
| 60 | Cloonan, Brian |
| 21 | DeOssie, Zackary |
| 71 | deVos, Aaron |
| 62 | Dougherty, Matthew |
| 40 | Feltch, Dean |
| 33 | Ginn, Laredo |
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| 28 | Hogan, Benjamin |
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| 88 | Johnson, Douglas |
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| 67 | Lemire, Joseph |

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| 9 | Nyadjroh, Adjatay |
| 50 | Pearson, John |
| 12 | Reist, Tyson |
| 75 | Rodriguez, Joshua |
| 72 | Serov, Dmitry |
| 3 | Simms, Jonathan |
| 66 | Sinclair, Kevin |
| 77 | Song, Min Sup |
| 19 | St. Peter, Mitchell |
| 85 | Ward, Andrew |
| 11 | White, Damion |
| 70 | Winston, Brandon |
| 10 | Winston, Braxton |

Hotchkiss Running Back too Much for Football to Handle in Home Opener

by Kevin Sinclair
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| Hotchkiss | 40 |
| Andover | 15 |



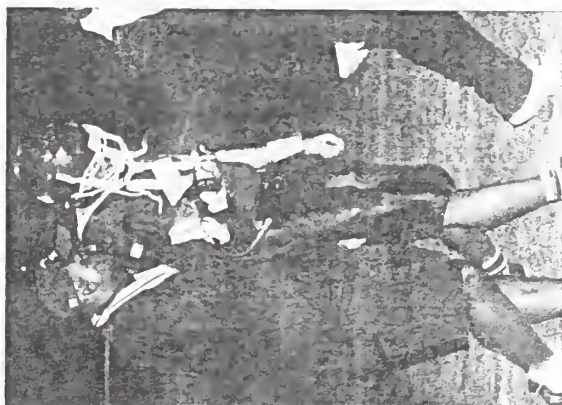
Last Saturday, PA's varsity football team lost to Hotchkiss in its home season opener.

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Andover fell victim to one of the best running backs in the league, and with an increasing point deficit, PA was soon paralyzed. Hotchkiss finally had

its sweet revenge over the team that slipped away last year. While Andover barely rked out a victory over the 1999 Hotchkiss team in a come-from-behind win, this year the Big Blue was just not big enough.

Throughout the game Hotchkiss dominated PA. Andover snared with the ball deep in its territory, and could not produce on the first drive Hotchkiss scored the first time it touched the ball. Hotchkiss' ferocious attack regulated the pace of play for almost the rest of the game. Andover was able to stop their powerhouse offense only once, in the third quarter.



A Tricker Photo
Quarterback Damian White '01 confers with head coach Leon Modeste following the game.

when Hotchkiss retried its second-string team onto the field. Andover blocked a punt and took over in the red zone, scoring on the next down. Andover's only other score came towards the end of the first half, when quarterback Damian White '01 took control of the offense and told his teammates, "just give me five seconds of your life, right now." On that down, White connected with receiver JT Simms '02 for an 82-yard touchdown.

The coaching staff hoped that this touchdown would drive PA to retake command of our field. However the momentum from the touchdown soon faded, as Hotchkiss scored once again.

This game represented a total breakdown of Andover football. Defense did not contain the line of scrimmage, the offense allowed the Hotchkiss players to run wherever they wanted. Hotchkiss was also able to break pocket containment and run along the sidelines with their option and toss sweep. Finally, the defense fell victim to certain lucky plays by Hotchkiss, such as when Ben Chang '02 swanned a pass away from the intended receiver, only to see the ball wind up in the hands of another Hotchkiss receiver.

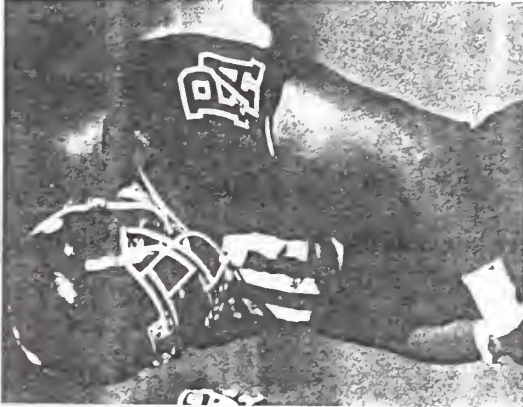
As the season progresses, defense will need to play more aggressively and to dominate the line of scrimmage. Andover cannot continue to allow anyone to control the clock by running the football without exception on every single down. The defense must also contain quarterbacks and running backs within the pocket so as to shut down the outside run.

Offense could not produce yardage during this heartbreaking contest, leaving the defense on the field for the majority of the game. Andover did not earn a single first down, except as a result of penalties. Soon, Andover found itself in trouble, and was forced to abandon its running game and not let time run off the game clock. For the entirety of the second half, Hotchkiss could not cover the pass, because Andover had fallen so far behind that it could not afford the time needed to put together

and execute a comprehensive run game.

In the coming weeks, the offense also needs to provide White with more protection. Mike Horvath '01, Laredo Ginn '01, and captain Scott Ward '01 need larger holes in the defense in order to meet their potentials as rushers. It is also vital that the line play at a higher technical level than that shown in the Hotchkiss and Loomis games. While everyone is willing and able to block, guys simply need to take the right steps so as to make prudent blocking assignments. Also, the receivers and quarterbacks need to be on the same page. Any dropped pass is a missed opportunity, especially with talented receivers like Chang '02, Simms, captain Braxton Winston '01, and Chuck Murnane '01.

However, Andover will have the opportunity at Choate Rosemary Hall to prove to the rest of the state that this was merely fluke. Andover needs to win the rest of the season, the regular season in order to be considered for a berth in the Prep Bowl. An old axiom, "Today is the first day of the rest of your life," applies fittingly to PA football, everyday from now until after the last second of the championship game needs to be one continuous stream of perfection. Anything less, and this season will be another missed opportunity and a failed run for a consecutive championship title.



A Tricker Photo
Football captain Braxton Winston '01 solemnly hangs his head after Saturday's defeat to Hotchkiss.

Football Silences Doubts, Bounces Back in Convincing Rout of Choate

by Kevin Sinclair
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Oct. 13

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The defense hammered Choate. Co-captains Braxton Winston '01 and Scott Ward

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Wide receiver J.T. Simms '02 dives to haul in a touchdown pass, one of many the Blue scored against Choate on Saturday.

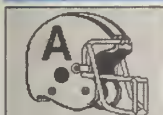
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Football Proves Its Resilience Over Choate



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Quarterback Damion White '01 takes the ball outside to evade an onrushing Choate defender on Saturday.

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'01 had ten and twelve tackles, respectively. Laredo Ginn '01 led the team with fourteen tackles. Simms had two interceptions, Ben Chang '02 had one, and Horvath returned an interception for a forty-seven yard touchdown. Choate scored a field goal making the score 13 -3 during the first half, though Andover's starting defense would hold them scoreless for the remainder of their time on the field. Choate's only touchdown came in the waning moments of the game, after Andover had already substituted the underclass reserves onto the field.

PA's defense also made certain adjustments after the Hotchkiss game. Joshua Rodriguez '01 was added to the

lineup as a nose guard to place more size in the middle of the field and clog up the interior run. Horvath moved to defensive end from linebacker in order to replace an injured John Judson '02. John Pearson '01 re-entered the linebacker rotation after suffering a back injury before the preseason scrimmage against Cushing.

This weekend Andover looks to avenge its only loss of last season, against Kent. This Kent team will look to run before passing, as its offense has a strong option. Last year, they primarily ran the option to their tailback. Kent replaced him as the primary ball carrier with their split end from last year, who will wear #7. They have several large linemen, though none of them are

known to be particularly talented.

Kent's defense will most likely be a 4-3. They have shown a 4-3 all season, and they are unlikely to change their defense against one of the most pass-reliant teams in the league. They are known to stunt multiple backers from the same side, as well as from the middle.

Last year, the football team choked in Connecticut, losing to Kent, 50 - 7. Saturday, October 16, 1999 stands as a day of infamy. The football team was forced to make the longest road trip of the season after all of the upper-mid- dlers on the team were forced to wake up early and take their PSATs before

the rest of the school, so they could travel with the team and play in the game. Nothing went right for the foot- ball team that day. Finally, Andover did not have a chance for a rematch because Kent did not win a single game after facing Andover. Their star tailback went down for the rest of the season with an injury and the offense was paralyzed.

Once again both teams will face the rigors of standardized testing (SATs), though in 2000, the tables are turned. This year, Kent will visit Andover's house, under the lights, and the Big Blue is eager to settle the score.



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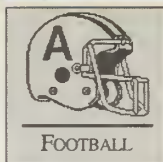
Mike Horvath '01 attempts to dodge an open-field tackle at Choate.

Behind an Impenetrable Defense, Football Finally Delivers The Goods, Shutting Out Deerfield for First Home Victory

by Kevin Sinclair and Pat Linnemann
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover
Deerfield

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After losing two consecutive games, the Phillips Academy varsity football team won for the first time at home, against Deerfield Academy on Parents'

Weekend. Andover began the game with the ball, against a strong wind that prompted Deerfield to forgo a kick off at the beginning of the first or second half. Damion White '01 threw for the first touchdown of the game to J.T. Simms '02. On defense, Andover showed no mercy, blocking a punt in the first quarter that captain Braxton Winston '01 returned for a touchdown. With the score now 14-0, Mike Horvath '01 rushed for the next two touchdowns of the game. At the half, Andover led 28-0. In the second half, White rushed for his own touchdown, and Corbin Butcher '01 scored on four out of five extra-point attempts during the game.

At the conclusion of the fourth quarter, White finished with eight completions in fifteen attempts for 149 yards passing, and ten carries for thirty-three yards rushing. Horvath carried ten times for fifty-four yards, Kyle Murphy '03 rushed ten times for forty-four yards, Adjatay Nyadjroh '03 carried for twenty yards, and Captain Scott Ward '01 carried for nine yards. Simms had seven receptions for 144 yards and Winston had one reception for five yards. Deerfield was unable to sack White because of the protection in trenches from Aaron deVos '01, Jonathan Judson '02, John Pearson '01, Joshua Rodriguez '01, and Kevin Sinclair '01. Despite questionable holding calls on the part of the officials, the line managed to prevent Deerfield's talented defensive line from touching White.

On defense, Laredo Ginn '01 and Winston led the team with eight tackles, each. Horvath and deVos each had six. Fred Martignetti '02 and Ward had five tackles. Ben Hogan '01 had his first career

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SACKED!





Top left: Mike Horvath '01, Brandon Winston '02 and co-captain Scott Ward '01 work together for the sack.

Top center/right: Co-captain Braxton Winston '01, after beating his man, grabs the quarterback in a headlock and brings him to his knees for a loss.

Bottom left/center: Horvath breaks through the line, penetrates the backfield, and blindsides the Deerfield quarterback, causing a fumble. Bottom right: Horvath knocks the ball loose for another fumble which Braxton Winston recovers and runs in for a touchdown.

Football to Face Regional Powerhouse Poly Prep

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fumble. Winston recovered a blocked punt, and Judson also recovered a fumble. Braxton and younger brother Brandon Winston '02 each had a sack. Horvath had two, and Judson had one. There was not any one player who had a double-digit tackling game, however, this week's defense was truly a team effort. Zack DeOssie '03 and Joe Lemire '01 each had strong games.

On Special teams, Andover attempted to block Deerfield's punting game because of the tentativeness of Deerfield's long snapper. The results were mixed, as one attempt led to Winston's touch down, another led to a "roughing the kicker" penalty.

Despite injuries, several Andover athletes played on Saturday because their team needed them. Chuck Murnane '01, who was supposed to be out for three to eight weeks after the Northfield Mount Hermon game (October 21), managed to punt for Andover though unable to play receiver. Murnane will most likely play against Exeter. Butcher kicked despite an injury that was supposed to keep

him out the entire season. DeOssie was bothered by a hamstring injury, walking around school on crutches earlier in the week, nonetheless, he played free safety for the whole game. This type of determination exemplifies the courage that is expected of this team.

This coming Saturday, PA plays Poly Prep Academy of Brooklyn, the alma mater of Head Coach Leon Modeste and Assistant Head Coach Lou Bernieri. Poly has one loss in the past three seasons, and is currently ranked seventh in the New York City area. This is the first meeting of the two teams. This game will be an opportunity for Andover players to make themselves seen by college coaches and to prove themselves, since this team competes in a more competitive league. Planned as a battle for dominance in the Northeast, Andover has a chance to make a reputation for New England prep athletics if it can knock off this Poly squad. This game will serve to bring the quality of prep school football into focus with the established standard of public school football.



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Mike Horvath '01 makes a run around a flailing Deerfield defender. Horvath scored two of Andover's five touchdowns on Saturday.

Nov. 3

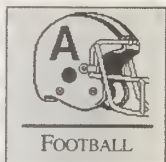
NO CHANCE FOR PA FOOTBALL VS. POWER POLY PREP

LOPSIDED MATCHUP

Blue Puts Loss Behind, Looks Forward To Exeter

by Kevin Sinclair
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Poly Prep | 36 |
| Andover | 8 |



On Saturday, November 4, Brooklyn Poly Prep demolished Phillips Academy's football squad, 36 - 8. Poly

started off the game strong, and did not relent until PA's last drive. Poly scored on the opening kickoff after bobbling the ball for several seconds on the ground. Andover got the ball back and drove down the field, but the Big Blue could not put the ball in the end zone. This remained the pace of the game until Poly substituted for its starters at the end of the fourth quarter. Every time Andover came near the goal line, they failed to finish the score. PA missed two field goals in the first quarter, both just wide of the goalpost.

Andover was unable to run on Poly all evening. Two gargantuan defensive tackles and decent defensive ends easily contained Andover's run. Poly was also prepared for Damion White '01 to roll out of the pocket and to bootleg. This forced Head Coach Leon Modeste to call only passing plays, allowing White to connect with J.T. Simms '02. White had fifteen completions for 219 yards, but only one touchdown, which came in the waning moments of play.

Poly Prep's offense, on the other hand, made huge plays. While the Andover defense gave up only one first down all game, the speed of Poly Prep's running backs and receivers made Andover work hard to keep up. Every time their line opened up a hole for their tailback, he would score. He had over 130 yards rushing on his first three carries. Poly's primary receiver is a reputed track star, giving him a clear edge over PA's defensive backs. Poly dominated this first meeting of the two teams. Due to restrictions on PA's ability to travel all the way to Brooklyn, Andover will not meet Poly next season.

This weekend, Andover will face rival Phillips Exeter at home. Since the current seniors matriculated at PA, the home team has not won the Andover/Exeter Football game. The Big Blue hopes to break that streak and knock Exeter completely out of the postseason runnings. Andover has more wins in this game's illustrious history, as well as the first and most recent games. The first game of this, the oldest high school rivalry in the country, seemed more like rugby than grid-iron football. Since then, this game has been played more times than any other in sub-professional football.

This year's Exeter team has lost to Northfield Mount Hermon and New Hampton, and reputedly looks to pass whenever possible. Apparently, they will throw the ball on fourth down and one yard to go. However, PA cannot discount Exeter's backs, who are both talented athletes. Much like Andover, many of Exeter's better players start on both offense and defense. Therefore, fatigue will not be a factor that only one team has to deal with. Rather, this game will be decided level of intensity each squad brings to the field.

Nov. 10



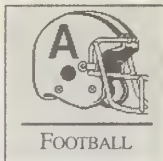
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Quarterback Damion White '01 cuts outside and carries the ball up the field.

Nov. 10

by Joe Lemire
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

PA 6
PEA 13



Andover's pride and joy, Big Blue football, entered the 2000 season with high hopes and expectations, riding the crest of its 1999 NEPSAC Class A championship season. From the first day of preseason training camp, the team rallied together, recognizing the immensity of the challenge before them. It would be a formidable task to match last year's success, having graduated such PA football legends as Marc Hordon '00 and Luke McArdle '00.

The team poured blood, sweat, tears, and even a few broken bones into its venture. Its determination was unparalleled, but, sadly, even this level of character and commitment were not enough to defeat other, bigger, more experienced opponents. A repeat championship was not in the cards for the hometown heroes who suffered several crushing setbacks en route to a disappointing 3-5 record, concluding with a heartbreaking 13-6 home loss to archrival Exeter.

But the players on this team, especially the returning seniors, had too much grit and determination to dwell on the season's negatives. Following the example of co-captains Braxton Winston '01 and Scott Ward '01, the team never went down easily. The rest of the team took their cue from their fearless leaders, who inspired tremendous team unity amidst adversity.

The season began on a very different note. The Blue traveled to Loomis-

Chaffee on the first weekend of the season and proceeded to trounce its opponents 42-0, kicking off a season of great expectations. Andover drew first blood on a Mike Horvath '01 rushing touchdown, but Loomis could not be beaten so easily. Its offense mounted an impressive drive, but cornerback Ben Chang '02 thwarted its efforts with an interception that he returned 84 yards for a second PA score thanks to some great downfield blocking. With the gates opened for an onslaught, the offense expanded on the momentum and added four more TD's before relinquishing its hold on the hapless Pelicans of Loomis. Leading the way was the Damien White '01 to J.T. Simms '01 connection which combined for 160 yards and two scores. The ground game produced three TD's on the day: two by Horvath and one by Laredo Ginn '01.

Andover's home opener came a week later, and the Blue fell at the hands of Hotchkiss, whose offense persistently marched down the field with military-like precision, and the Blue defense was unable to hold its ground, constantly falling back in retreat. PA stopped Hotchkiss' offense only once, forcing a punt. A great surge up the middle resulted in a block which was then recovered by Joe Lemire inside the five yard line. Andover punched in a rushing score on the next play. The other offensive TD was an 82-yard bomb from the White to Simms combo, a duo which would become all too familiar to fans and opposing defenses who would key in on PA's one and only aerial target. PA failed to muster even one first down; two touchdowns and a whole lot of punts were



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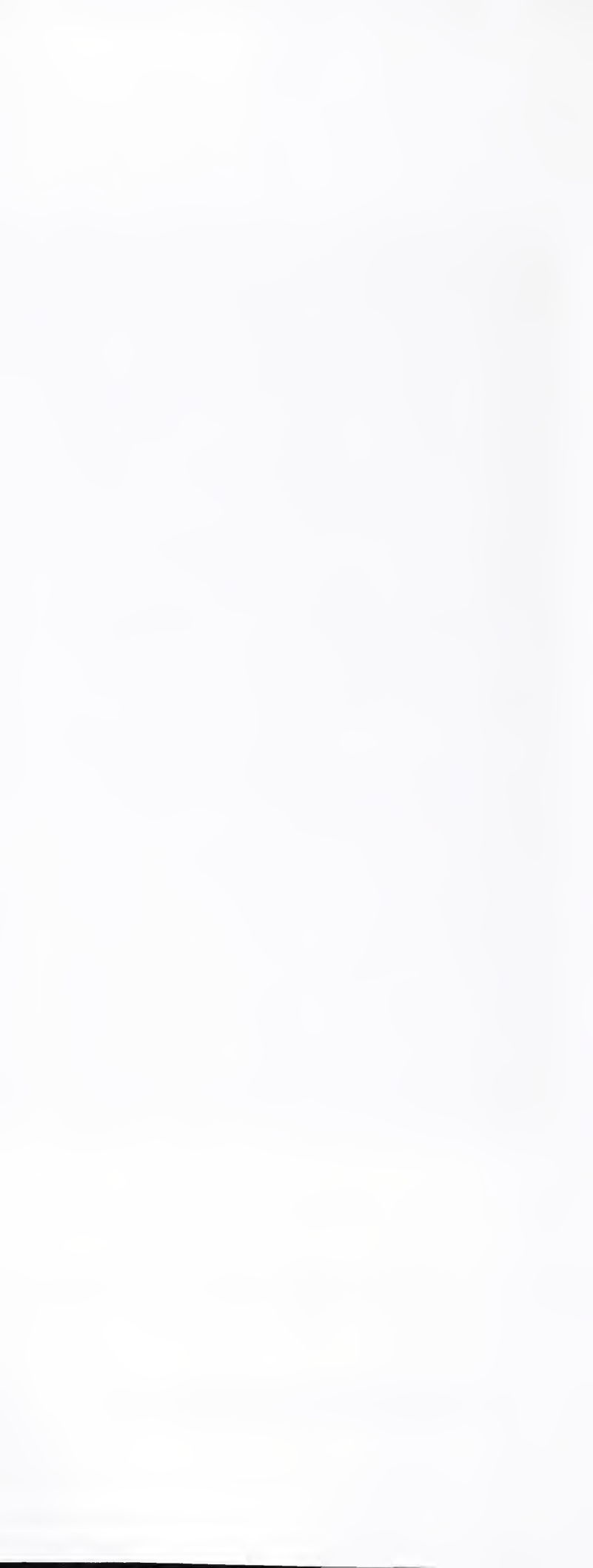
It took three Exeter defenders to take down Laredo Ginn '01 during PA's crushing loss to Exeter.

all the offense could manage. Tenacious linebackers never quit, accumulating 12 solo tackles during the course of the game, but Hotchkiss emerged victorious by a wide margin of 40-15.

Big Blue proved to be tremendously resilient the following Saturday

as they rained down hard on Choate's Parents' Weekend game. The ground game was effective again with a four-touchdown explosion, including two by Horvath, one by White, who also threw for two, one each to Simms and Charles Murnane '01, and a 73 yard

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MVP Aaron DeVos '01 Leads Big Blue Football

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jaunt by Kyle Murphy in his first carry of the game. Again, it was the defense that thoroughly dominated. The iron curtain linebacking corps of Winston, Ward, and Ginn combined for 36 tackles, and the secondary recorded four interceptions off Choate's highly-touted quarterback. When the dust settled, the Blue had posted a 47-10 rout of Choate.

The Blue remembered the bitter loss at Kent last year – the only blemish on the 1999 squad's otherwise untarnished record, but the rallying cries of revenge fell on deaf ears as PA dropped a 28-20 decision in its second home game of the year. The Blue fell down early, 28-7, but made an earnest comeback in the fourth quarter, rebounding for 13 points and bringing the game within one score of being tied. The offense showed late signs of life, and Horvath ran for 116 yards despite the pass-oriented attack resorted to by Andover in the waning minutes of the game. Unfortunately, the hurry-up offense came up just short as time expired on Kent's 25 yard line.

The downward spiral continued the following week with a 20-7 loss to Northfield Mount Herman. The Blue struck first on another touchdown toss from White to his favorite target, Simms, but those would be the only

points PA would post on the scoreboard that day. The Hoggars of NMH accounted for 20 unanswered points thanks to terrific field position. The PA offense sputtered, failing to provide any respite in the form of long, sustained drives for its defensive counterparts. The wearied PA defense could only bend so far without breaking. Ginn had another 18 tackles, while free safety Zak DeOssie brought down 16 NMH ball carriers. Chang and Freddie Martignetti each had an interception, but Andover could not manufacture any points off of these turnovers.

But Andover was not down for the count. The following week PA hosted Deerfield in a Parents' Weekend showdown. This time Andover reverted to its winning ways with a 34-0 drubbing of a weaker Deerfield team. The defensive front came through with five sacks and a blocked punt which was returned for a touchdown by Captain Winston. The defense also caused four turnovers. White completed seven passes to Simms for 144 yards and a score.

Poly Prep paid the Blue a visit the next week. The game was lopsided from the start as they returned the game's opening kickoff for a touchdown. Poly Prep proceeded to pound Andover into submission, winning by a final tally of 36-8, with the lone score for PA coming in the final moments of the game. Fortunately, it was a non-league game that merely served as a tune-up for Exeter.

Last season, Andover met Exeter with championship hopes riding on the line. After a Murnane punt, Hogan tracked down the Exeter return man, forcing a fumble which was kicked around in the endzone before being recovered by Lemire to give Andover an early 6-0 lead which would last until halftime. Inspiration and intensity, however, were unable to make up for costly mistakes and blown opportunities. The offense failed to get anything going, and the defense was only able to hold off a solid Exeter ground game for so long. Exeter would run for two scores and come away with a 13-6 victory in a game that can only be labeled a disappointment for the team and its fans.

The seniors who have been here for several years deserve special recognition for their contributions to the team during the Exeter game. Most notably, team MVP Aaron DeVos anchored an inexperienced line and played with heart and spirit that was truly inspiring in his teammates. He was joined on the line by fellow senior starters John Pearson, Josh Rodriguez, and the platoon of Matt Dougherty and Kevin Sinclair. Ward, Winston, Hogan, and Lemire starred on the team's best unit, its defense. It was a memorable season that may have been marred by inconsistency in loss but marked by persistence in victory.

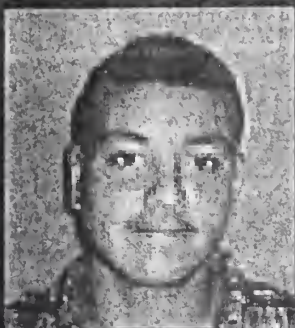


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J.T. Simms '02 soars for a pass from Quarterback Damion White '01.

Aaron deVos '01

"If he goes down, I don't know what we're going to do." —Head Coach Leon Modeste



by Dan Shvartsman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

One can find him in the gym every day, lifting hard after a long, grueling, practice on the football field. That's the kind of commitment that has made Athlete of the Week Aaron DeVos '01 a two-year starter on one of the best football teams in all of New England.

DeVos is a starting offensive and defensive tackle for the second year in a row. He may not have come so far were it not for a "mean old gym teacher" he reminisces. DeVos relates, "It was back in eighth grade at Masco (Masconomet Regional School in Topsfield). At the time the only sport I was serious about was lacrosse. She (the teacher) must have seen something in me, because she introduced me to the varsity football coach at the school, who asked me to join the team the next year."

DeVos was the captain of the team freshman year. "The only thing I really liked about Masco was the football. Compared to here, it was different, obviously, but still a lot of fun." However, DeVos is clearly more attached to the Andover squad: "The competition [here] is much better. Even at the varsity level the Cape

Ann League (Masco's league) is nothing compared to Class A (Prep League). Meeting all these PG's from all over the place, and seeing how much better they are than I am, it really brings up the level of my play."

There is no doubt that someone as

coaches have always been the same way...I've been lucky to always have great coaches, here and at Masco." DeVos's biggest influence on the field graduated in 2000. "Brian Catanella '00, a PG last year, really helped me get used to starting,

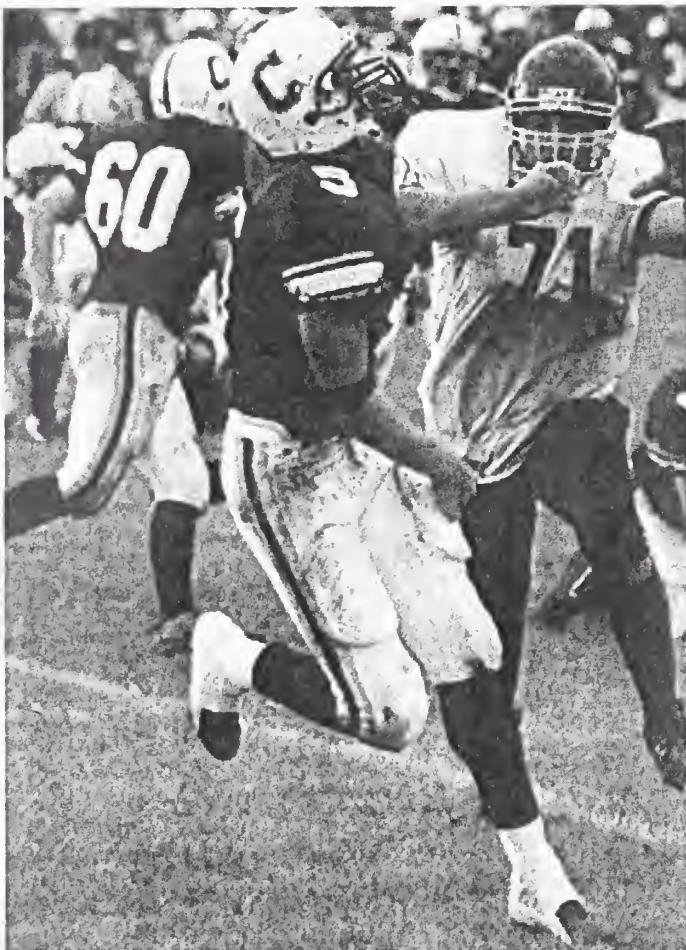
because I was jumping from JV straight into the Varsity starting lineup two ways. He helped me with what we should do play to play, and really made a big impact on me."

Nowhere is DeVos's competitive drive more evident than when he talks about his game. "I'm my biggest critic, I'm always watching the films, trying to improve my game. It's not always the best thing, but it drives me. And I think I really need to add about 30-40 pounds if I'm going to compete with 270 pound kids. There is always things I can get better at, but that's my most glaring weakness."

DeVos is one of most respected guys on the team.

steady as DeVos has gotten some help along the line. "My dad has always liked the sport, but he never pushed me into playing it. When I started, he was really supportive, always encouraging about it. My

Captain Braxton Winston '01 notes, "He takes a lot of pride in himself and the line as a whole, and provides a lot of veteran leadership at that position. He takes each loss or win personally, and that helps the team out." Quarterback Damion White '01 gushes, "I don't think I've ever seen a guy with as much heart as DeVos, or anyone who works as hard every play as he does." Whatever it is that pushes him, we can be sure that there's more left in DeVos's tank.



JOE LEMIRE '01

by Alex Kehlenbeck
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS EDITOR EMERITUS



Not "good morning." Not "hey, how's it going?" Not "what's up?" Instead, merely a long silence and an eerie sense of building tension. And then, quietly: "I don't think anyone should talk to me yet."

Not a normal greeting between friends. But then again, the day of the Interscholastic Track and Field Championships isn't a normal day, and on such days, Athlete of the Year Joe Lemire '01 isn't a normal human being.

"I love the pressure," said Lemire. "I thrive on it."

From the football field, to the basketball court, to the baseball diamond, to the track, "Big Red" has made the excitement of competition his domain for the whole of his four years at PA. There is perhaps no one else who is so familiar and so comfortable with excitement and the rush of sports than Lemire.

He got into organized athletics at a young age, playing in summer baseball leagues. Lemire pitched for his hometown of Lowell, helping his team to year after year of winning seasons. Despite the fact that he dropped baseball at Andover after lower year to pursue a promising career on the track team, Lemire still sees himself first as a baseball pitcher, and only secondarily as a defensive end, forward, or hurdler -- his varsity roles this year.

His love for sports came from a local source. "My older brother was a huge influence on me," Lemire said. "He and I are the two most purely competitive people I know."

Jon Lemire, four years Joe's senior, had a brilliant sprinting career at Central Catholic, one of New England's major track powerhouses, and is still talked about in quiet whispers. "I've been on the line waiting for a race before, talking to the other hurdlers, and someone has said my name. The guy next to me turned and said 'You're related to *that* Lemire?' It was kind of cool."

Lemire's father also had a significant impact on Big Red's competitive drive. "He always taught me to think 'If this is what it takes, I might as well go out and do it.' When push comes to shove, I have an attitude of I *will* win, and everyone else be damned. I got most of that from Jon and my dad."

Lemire's uniqueness, however, lies as much in his pure love for athletics as in his competitive fire. In many ways, he is a "renaissance man" throwback to some foggy, by-gone age when sports were more about 'the game' and 'play' than about trophies or college admission. From throwing the vortex around on the quad after lunch to Draper-rules whiffleball, to a couple of hours of squash before track practice, to a couple of hours of basketball after track practice, Lemire simply loves to play. He has not missed a practice in four years, except for APs and snow, despite having to take up to four doses of ibuprofen before practice to survive the beating his knees receive from 39-inches of wood and metal intent on slowing him down.

Ask Joe sometime about his pickup-football shootout against Marc Hordon '00 in front of Sam Phil that ran through darkness, finally ending on a fingertip touchdown catch. Or what his Draper-whiffleball batting average is. Or when he played his best game of squash. His eyes will unfocus and begin darting side to side, a wide grin splitting his face. His enthusiasm about the details of a three-on-three pickup basketball game that happened eighteen months ago are amazing; utterly infectious. The excitement Lemire has for sports is by no means limited to his own athletic endeavors. For the past several years, he has been a pillar of support at nearly every home athletic contest and has traveled all across New England following PA teams to championship matches often held during vacation. Lemire took his first major road trip over Thanksgiving break, attending boys' soccer and field hockey playoff games. After the disappointing results of the day -- Lemire can still



speak of it only as "Black Saturday" — he vowed not to let something similar happen again.

During senior winter break, Lemire and several local friends religiously attended boys' hockey's tournament games, providing what was often the only Andover cheering. During a loss against Deerfield, Lemire didn't cease yelling, earning the personal thanks of hockey coach Dean Boylan. Thus the first seeds of what would eventually blossom into the Superfan Club were planted: a core group of diehard fanatics, led by "El Capitan" Lemire, that has made a showing at virtually every home competition this winter and spring.

"I know from experience — witness basketball's win against Exeter — that there is nothing like having crazy fans," Lemire said. "They can give you a second, or a third, or a fourth wind when you don't think you can go any longer. I just try to give that kind of support as much as I can. There's a reason that PA teams have a much better record at home than on the road."

Lemire's athletic experiences at Andover have run the gamut of success

over the past four years. He fondly remembers his leadership in the JV football win his lower year over Exeter, 7-6, in a game that brought coach Chuck Richardson '82 to tears and which Lemire still considers to be the greatest sporting moment of his life. Varsity football's championship win at home last year is a cherished memory, while basketball's disappointing records and track's championship win this spring are still fresh in his mind.

As a starting defensive end for the football team this fall, Lemire played through the disappointment that always comes after a championship season that can't be matched. The basketball season was similarly taxing, as Lemire, being the only underclassman to make the team the previous year and thus elected captain, had to lead his squad through a difficult losing season.

"The football and basketball seasons were really emotionally draining," Lemire recalled. "It's hard to play through a season that sees so little success."

Thus it was with some anticipation that Joe came out for his second season

of hurdling this spring. "The blood on his knees after practice every day was indicative of the heart he showed day in and day out," said boys' track captain Emerson Sykes '01.

"Sometimes he was like a man possessed," echoed teammate and fellow Superfan David Auld '01. "And this was all after he had played basketball or squash for an hour before practice."

He came to a stop at a traffic light, both his huge hands enveloping the steering wheel, eye locked ahead. No one dared say anything. The light turned green, and the car accelerated forward, quickly but smoothly, reminiscent of the start of the 300-meter hurdles he would run later that day. One the bus ride to Deerfield, the seat in front of him kept shaking as his hands jumped up to grab its back, practicing his reaction to the starter's gun in the 110-meter hurdles.

Something must have clicked right. Eight hours, three races, and two Interscholastic championship medals later, he was wearing one beaming smile that would never go away.

SPORT: Soccer - boys

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN:

MANAGER: Zalika Guillory, Desirae Simmons

COACH: Bill Scott

ASSISTANT COACHES: Paolo Bilotta, Kevin Cardozo

SEASON RECORD

WON 17 **LOST** 1 **TIED** 0

Letter Winners

Ackerman, Harris G.
Aronson, Matthew K.
Bradley, Alexander L.
Bush-Brown, David S.
Cote, Daniel W.
Darci, Scott A.
Ford, James R.
Franchot, Nicholas, E.
Goela, Vikas
Haughom, Bryan D.

Kellogg, Jeremy G.
Kenly, James B.
McDonald, Bronson M
Pucillo, Anthony W.
Sheldon, David M.
Simmons, Desirae N.mgr
Smith, Andrew M.
Sykes, Emerson J.
Taggart, Ian H.
Ward, Marc R.

Soccer Boys– Varsity 2000 – 2001

| No. | Name | Class | Hgt. | Wgt. | Pos. | Hometown |
|-----|---------------------|-------|-------|------|----------|--------------------|
| 0 | Ackerman, Harris | 2001 | 6'0" | 183 | Goal | Groton, MA |
| 4 | Aronson, Matt | 2001 | 5'10" | 170 | Back | Newton, MA |
| 9 | Bradley, Alex | 2001 | 5'11" | 160 | Midfield | Marblehead, MA |
| 21 | Bush-Brown, Spencer | 2003 | 6'0" | 185 | Forward | Dedham, MA |
| 6 | Cote, Dan | 2002 | 5'10" | 130 | Forward | Andover, MA |
| 10 | Darci, Scott | 2001 | 5'8" | 170 | Midfield | Marblehead, MA |
| 12 | Ford, James | 2002 | 5'11" | 180 | Forward | Andover, MA |
| 7 | Fanchot, Nick | 2003 | 5'8" | 135 | Forward | Takoma Park, MD |
| 5 | Goela, Vikas | 2001 | 5'7" | 135 | Back | Andover, MA |
| 3 | Haughom, Bryan | 2001 | 5'11" | 165 | Midfield | Eugene, OR |
| 8 | Kellogg, Jeremy | 2002 | 6'1" | 175 | Midfield | Natick, MA |
| 1 | Kenly, James | 2001 | 6'0" | 160 | Goal | Boxford, MA |
| 11 | McDonald, Bronson | 2002 | 6'0" | 160 | Midfield | Kingston, Jamaica |
| 14 | Pucillo, Tony | 2003 | 5'9" | 145 | Midfield | Oakville, Ontario |
| 13 | Sheldon, David | 2004 | 5'3" | 117 | Midfield | Andover, MA |
| 16 | Smith, Andrew | 2001 | 5'8" | 145 | Back | Aberdeen, Scotland |
| 2 | Sykes, Emerson | 2001 | 5'7" | 160 | Back | Andover, MA |
| 18 | Taggart, Ian | 2001 | 5'11" | 160 | Back | Marblehead, MA |
| 15 | Ward, Marc | 2002 | 6'0" | 170 | Back | Alamo, CA |

Sept. 22

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Alex Bradley '01 brings the ball up the field during Saturday's victory against Brooks. His defense work sparked the PA offense as he ran the length of the field.

Boys Soccer Drops First Scrimmage To Nobles, Rebounds With Two Wins

by Patrick Linnemann
PHILIPPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

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| Nobles | 3 |
| Andover | 2 |
| Andover | 6 |
| Brooks | 0 |
| BB&N | 5 |
| Andover | 0 |

The boys' soccer team has good reason to be excited for the upcoming season as they return ten players from last year's squad. Scott Darci '01, Alex Bradley '01, Ian Taggart '01, and James Kenly '01, with four years of experi-



ence at the varsity level, are the core of this 2000 team. Also returning for the season are Vikas Goella '01, Brian Haugheim '01, Brian Bronson '01, McDonald '02, Dan Cote '02, James Ford '02, and Marc Ward '02. In addition, the team has added post-graduates Matt Aronson and Andrew Smith, as well as Harris Ackerman '01, Jeremy Kellogg '02, Anthony Pucillo '03, Spencer Bush-Brown '03, Nick Franchi '03, and David Sheldon '04.

Andover squared off last week in its first scrimmage of the year against Noble & Greenough. Nobles was quick to score two early goals in the first half, once at the varsity level, are the core of this 2000 team. Also returning for the season are Vikas Goella '01, Brian Haugheim '01, Brian Bronson '01, McDonald '02, Dan Cote '02, James Ford '02, and Marc Ward '02. In addition, the team has added post-graduates Matt Aronson and Andrew Smith, as well as Harris Ackerman '01, Jeremy Kellogg '02, Anthony Pucillo '03, Spencer Bush-Brown '03, Nick Franchi '03, and David Sheldon '04.

Andover looked to match the score when Cote netted two beautiful goals, evening the score to 2-2. But in the third period (the scrimmage consisted of three thirty minute periods) Nobles again pulled ahead to win the game by a score of 3-2. Kenly and Ackerman split time in the net, allowing only the three goals, two of which came on awkward deflections. Although suffering a lost in their first match-up, the team was not at all disheartened - Nobles is always a dominant power in the ISL, the league to which it belongs — and looked ahead to its next scrimmage against BB&N.

Andover looked to pull things together on Friday against BB&N and build confidence heading into their first game of the season. BB&N had a few very skilled players but did not have a complete team and Andover looked to capitalize on this advantage. Weak outside defenders enabled Andover to spread out the flow of the play which ultimately opened up the field. Using Coach Bill Scott's trademark "fla-back four" system of zonal defense, which, when played properly, allows rapid ball movement from one wing to the other, the Blue quickly had the BB&N defenders spinning in circles, unsure from which direction the next attack

PG-Led Defense Posts Two Shutouts for Boys

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was coming. With this key advantage, Andover scored five goals by Cote, Darci, Kellogg, McDonald, and Bradley. Kenly played the entire game in the net and stopped the rare shot that got by the Aronson-Smith defensive combination as the Blue cruised to a 5-0 victory in their last preseason competition.

In the season opener, last Wednesday, Andover faced an out-of-league opponent, the Brooks School. Andover played very well despite the absence of outside midfielder Cote, who suffered a leg injury during practice last Monday. Brooks' defense held Andover scoreless in the first half but its offense was just as unsuccessful getting by PA's back four. The second half was a different story as Andover's strength and conditioning led them to six second half goals. Darci, Ford, Bush-Brown, and Francho each added a

goal with McDonald netting two goals and contributing to the 6-0 trouncing of Brooks. Kenly played superbly in net, notching a second consecutive shutout, and shutting down all scoring chances by Brooks. The defense also played extremely repeatedly preventing Brooks from moving very far into Andover's defensive third of the field. After the game, goalie Ackerman commented, "In the first half we missed a few key opportunities, but once the first goal was scored, the gates were opened and we were able to convert on most scoring opportunities in the second half." Andover started the season off with a strong win and will hopefully gain momentum heading into Saturday's game when they face a strong Loomis-Chaffe squad. Cote will hopefully be in the line-up on Saturday and had this to say about the game: "We are going to have to play well and as a team against Loomis, one of our traditional rivals. But we're psyched."



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Lower Spencer Bush-Brown evades two pursuing Brooks defenders in Wednesday's 6-0 win. Bush-Brown netted one of the goals.

Check It Off: Wins Keep Coming for Boys Soccer Squad

Two Shutouts Bring Season Total to Four in Five Matches

by Anthony Pucillo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 2 |
| Tabor | 0 |
| Andover | 3 |
| St. John's | 0 |



BOYS SOCCER

Last Saturday, the Big Blue boy's varsity soccer team added a fourth win to its undefeated streak, defeating a disciplined Tabor side. The 2-0 victory was a combination of hard work on and off the field. With Andrew Smith, a one-year senior from Scotland, confined to the sidelines with a fractured ankle, the team looked to Alex Bradley '01 to take control of the defense. He, along with the all-star cast of Matt Aaronson '01, Vikas Goela '01 and Emerson Sykes '01 held the Tabor forwards in the palms of their hands, mesmerizing the large crowd on hand with each hard tackle and graceful pass.

With Smith and the rest of the teams' vocal support from the bench,

Andover attacked early and banged off a goal in the eighth minute. The lethal tandem of Scott Darci '01 and Bronson McDonald '01 combined to seal McDonald's third goal of the season. His stellar one-time finish put Andover ahead early. Dominating play for the remainder of the game, it wasn't until the eighty-fifth minute that the Blue found the back of the net once again. Jeromy Kellogg '02 smacked the ball to the oncoming head of Scott Darci who notched his 5th goal in 4 games. Adding a third shutout to his stellar season, James Kenly diminished his goals-against average to 0.25, conceding one penalty kick only in his four games this year.

On Tuesday the Andover squad slid its record to 5-0 with another strong performance against perennial New England powerhouse St. John's Prep. Realizing that the St. John's team would come out hard and fast, Andover prepared for a difficult test of character and skill. The 3-0 margin of victory reflected Andover's utter control over the game and the Big Blue's lightening pace. St. John's simply could not keep up with the Blue and its technical superiority. Alex Bradley

wasted no time in finishing a James Ford rebound. The direct kick rocket was too much for the solid St. John's goalkeeper to handle, and Bradley got the team off to a quick lead with his finish from inside the six-yard box. With that jump-start, the team plowed full steam ahead. Scott Darci added another two goals to his absurd total of 7 goals in 5 games. When Darci made the St. John's goalkeeper look foolish after a solo one on one effort, James Kenly asked the rest of the team if this monster scorer was "actually human." The question is still lingering. However, the spotlight was somehow stolen from Darci on this particular Tuesday afternoon; the referees seemed to be the story of the day. Somehow they contradicted each other on each and every call. When asked why he made a particular response, one answered, "I don't know- I didn't see it."

Without a doubt, Harris Ackerman's debut performance in net was another highlight of the match. A shutout performance displayed Harris' sense of dedication to his job as goalie. As James Ford commented, while sitting on the sidelines icing an injury, "the kid can kick a ball." Ford's appearance on the field for this weekend's all-important game at Choate, home of the defending New England Champions, is unfortunately uncertain. Those on the team are crossing their fingers that such a vital piece of the Andover arsenal will be back by Saturday. Mark Ward and Andrew Smith will hopefully be back in action by that all-important game. The team is looking strong as they get ready to face Choate, with all players adding to the dynamic. David Sheldon, Spencer Bush-Brown, and Anthony Pucillo all

contributed to the team's performance against St. John's Prep. With the team's focus already shifted to Saturday and with the players' eyes on triumph against Choate, Andover is looking to add its sixth straight win.

The blue squad has yet to be the underdog in a game, and has yet to be scored on in the flow of play. "Every game is our biggest game," said Emerson Sykes. You can bet that the Big Blue is preparing for a real test on Saturday.



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Scott Darci '01 challenges an attempted clear during Tuesday's shutout win over the perennially strong St. John's.

Oct. 6



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Dan Cote '02 shields off a St. John's defender while trying to gain control of the ball. The soccer team is perfect thus far, surrendering only one goal in five matches and dominating both side of the ball. *For more, see page B5.*

7-0 Record for Boys Soccer Matches Best of 1995; Defensive Consistency Reason for Squad's Success

by Will Heidrich

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover
Choate

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Andover
Beaver Country Day

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BOYS SOCCER

For the first time since 1995, the PA Varsity Boys Soccer Team is 7-0. Five years ago, the team had an identical record, but

lost its eighth game. Despite that, the 1995 team went on to win the New England Championship for the second straight year. Friday, the current team plays Bridgton Academy, upon whom PA scored seven times in the first half last season. But lets go to the present time and take a look at what is hopefully PA's ticket to another New England Championship. The team is lead by eight seniors and five uppers. The team is loaded with talent, and could be even better if starting forward James Ford '02 were not out for the season with an MCL injury.

Last Saturday, the Big Blue defeated defending New England Champion, Choate Rosemary Hall. PA won the game 3-1 in a rough, competitive game. Senior Scott Darci lead the way with two goals, in front of fifty fans that had come to cheer on Choate. On

Wednesday, Ian Taggart '01 led PA to a key 2-1 victory over Beaver Academy. It was the team's second victory in the last four days. "It was the toughest game we have played all season because of the pressure of staying unbeaten," commented lower standout, Nick Franchot. "Seven and 0, baby!" was the reaction later that evening from Senior midfielder, Alex Bradley. "7 and 0 doesn't happen," added Assistant Coach Keith Cardozo. PA went up early with a goal by Scottish PG Andrew Smith and led by the same score at the half. But Beaver answered quickly with an unexpected goal two minutes into the second half. The play then went back and forth for about fifteen minutes, Ian Taggart scored the eventual game-winning goal with plenty of time left on the clock. Darci assisted both goals in the match. PA kept the goal and eventually won what was a key game: "The defense was incredible!" exclaimed Cardozo.

So far, this season has been almost perfect. Only three goals have been scored on PA and the team has had its fair share of 6-0 and 3-0 games. The schedule has certainly not been easy. Tabor, St. John's, Choate, Holderness, and Wednesday, Beaver have all fallen to the Big Blue. Still, New Hampton, Deerfield, N.M.H., Harvard and Tufts, and a school called Exeter still remain. Can the team go undefeated? Assistant Coach Keith Cardozo said, "The hardest part of the season is behind us." Darci has led the way throughout the season

with the other eight seniors coming up big on many different occasions. There is definitely something special about this team, from the deep bench to the incredible defense and goal keeping by Seniors James Kenly and Harris Ackerman. Looking beyond the seniors, the team is strong through and through. Junior David Sheldon, Lowers Nick Franchot, Spencer Bush-Brown, and Anthony Pucillo have shown that good things may repeat themselves in the years to come.

Today, the team plays Bridgton

ever.



Oct. 13

IF YOU CAN'T STOP 'EM, TRIP 'EM



Scott Darci '01 jockeyes for position on the ball and beats his defender, only to be tripped on the play. On the ensuing free kick, Darci blasted a direct shot off the post, and Andrew Smith '01 volleyed home the rebound to give the undefeated boys soccer team the victory. Above: Brian Haugom '01.

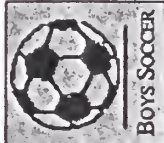
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Andover Deerfield

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Andover Moses Brown

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In 1992, the Boy's Varsity soccer team won 13 games and advanced to win the Dunbar Cup before losing in the Quarterfinals of the New England Championships. The

2000 team has now also incurred an impressive 13 victories, without a blemish on its record. It seems that not even magic could stop the 2000 Boy's Soccer team. The team moved from 11-0 to 13-0 with two key victories this past week. On Parents Weekend, the Big Blue knocked off Deerfield Academy, whose valiant effort fell short to the stellar defense and upstart offense of PA. Spencer Bush-Brown '03 and Dan Cote '02 lead the way with one goal apiece in the second half. The team turned it up a notch in the second half, with the wind on its side and a crowd of enthusiastic parents. Wednesday, PA fumbled one and a half hours to Rhode Island to

take on Moses Brown. PG Andrew Smith gave PA an early lead with a head ball off of a corner kick and Scott Darci netted his 16th goal in the second half to give PA the win. The team simply outplayed both opposition, remaining unbeaten.

Deerfield Academy came to Andover to upset the top team in New England on their Parents Weekend. Deerfield came out raring to beat the unbeatable, supported by the vicious gusts. The wind reached speeds higher than 30 mph, keeping the temperature low throughout the game. The first half was scoreless and competitive. PA's defense was remarkable, equally matched by Deerfield's. James Kenly '01 played well in the goal and made a huge save early on that sent a dangerous shot wide of the post. Once again PA entered halftime tied with the opponent but came out with energy that brought the enthusiastic crowd of parents even more into the game. Spencer Bush-Brown connected on the go-ahead-goal by beating two defenders before placing the ball just out of the reach of the Deerfield keeper. PA now had the lead, but didn't back down. Dan Cote '02 scored later in the half for his fifth goal in the last four games. Cote beat his defender and slipped the ball between the keeper's hands and legs into the goal. The team then went on to win its twelfth game of the year, a perfect dozen. Wednesday, PA went off to Moses Brown for their thirteenth game on the day after Halloween.

Two days ago, PA took on Moses Brown in Providence, RI. After a 2-0 Parents Weekend victory over Deerfield, the team was on a roll. Moses Brown's Varsity Soccer had hoped to show that the 13th game would be an unlucky one for the undefeated PA team. But not even magic can stop the now 13-0 PA team. The game was played on a soccer field that featured the infield of the Baseball field. PA wouldn't let this spoil the game though. Andrew Smith started the cause with a header early on in the first half that came from a PA corner kick. Moses Brown's attempt to come back from a 1-0 deficit didn't take place in the first half and it wasn't until the second half that PA would secure its lead. Scott Darci '01 once again came to the rescue with his record 16th goal of the year. The Back Four were solid in another shutout that now totals nine for the year. The goal keeping was impeccable and didn't give Moses Brown much of a chance. It was a key win for PA and gave them more confidence for the next three games against Cushing, New Hampton, and Exeter.

The Big Blue is on pace for a great season by all measures. There are three games left and all three will test PA hard and the teams will try to prove that the 13th win is PA's last. Yet the Big Blue has momentum coming into Cushing's game after impressing a crowd of enthusiastic parents and then traveling to RI and back with a 13th win. So where does PA stand and can they go undefeated? Its definitely a reality and will remain the goal until the day it does not present itself. If you haven't seen any PA soccer, I strongly urge you to go see Bill Scott's crew because it could be part of the best season that PA(or maybe even New England) has ever seen. Cushing comes to Andover on Saturday and PA needs all the support it can get for the 6:00 game.



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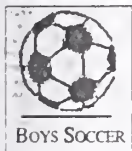
Central defender Marc Ward '02 shields the ball from a Deerfield defender during Saturday's win.

Opposition Will Need More Than Fluke Chip Goal to Best Boys Soccer

by Pat Linnemann
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| Andover | 2 |
| Cushing | 1 |

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| Andover | 3 |
| New Hampton | 0 |



On a crisp fall night under the lights of Brothers Field, the Andover Boys Soccer team took to the field to defend a perfect 13-

0 record. Harris Ackerman '01 started for the Blue in net against an aggressive Cushing team, which was looking to spoil Andover's flawless season. Though Cushing's squad put forth a valiant effort, Andover's rock-solid defense prevailed and added yet another victory to the win column.

In the eighth minute of play, Cushing made a hard press against Andover's defense. After a failed Blue attempt to clear the ball, Cushing regained possession and fired a bullet. Ackerman made a great save, but the rebound bounced to Cushing's Mike Earnest who lofted it in to give Cushing the 1-0 advantage. With two minutes remaining in the first half, however, Andover capitalized on a corner kick. Nick Franchot '03, drove the ball in front of the net to Scott Darci '01, who deflected it in for the equalizer. Despite being triple-teamed for most of the night, Darci was still able to net his record-setting 17th goal

of the season. Andover dominated the first half and Cushing's only real scoring opportunities resulted from a few fast drives. However, Andover was still knotted with Cushing at one apiece.

The PA players continued their prowess in the second half with another scoring opportunity six minutes into the half. Cushing's goalie came up with a save, but the rebound squirted out in front to Dan Cote '02, whose shot was deflected wide at the last second. Andover kept the pressure on Cushing and forced them to make mistakes in the defensive zone. With the second half winding down, Ian Taggart '01 pushed the ball down field and powered a shot off the goalie's chest. Scotland's finest, Andrew Smith '01, was there to pick up the rebound, finding the back of the net to give Andover the 2-1 edge. The defense, led by Alex Bradley '01, Vikas Goela '01, and Matt Aronson '01 shut down Cushing's offense for the remainder of the game. Their efforts were supported by spectacular goaltending from James Kenley '01. After the game, Cote remarked on Cushing's offense saying, "They [Cushing] had a really physical and chippy offense, but our excellent defense was able to minimize scoring opportunities."

The New Hampton team was Andover's next victim en route to a fifteenth win. Wasting no time, Andover jumped on its opponents early: Cote set up Darci on a crossing pass, netting the all-important first goal. Midway into the first half, Marc Ward '02 once

again set Darci up, who made a beautiful move and slipped the ball past the defender to give Andover the 2-0 lead. New Hampton felt pressure from the Big Blue's high-powered offense throughout the first half, and they were not able to create any scoring chances.

Andover was not satisfied with a mere two goal lead, and their relentless offense kept the ball deep in New Hampton's territory. Despite the temporary loss of Bradley and Aronson to sickness and injury, respectively, James Ford '02 contributed to Andover's winnings cause. Fresh off an MCL injury, Ford made his presence known as he fired a rocket into the upper left corner of the New Hampton goal. Three goals seemed to satiate the undefeated Blue, and Kenley and Ackerman combined their efforts to deny all New Hampton scoring drives. Anthony Pucillo '03 and David Sheldon '04 had particularly strong games at midfield for Andover. Jeremy Kellogg '02 commented on the New Hampton team: "They had a couple of skilled players in the midfield, but ultimately they did not have the depth to keep up with us through the entire game. With number fifteen under their belts Andover will concentrate on their rival Exeter. Although the Exies are not sporting a flawless record like Andover, one can expect a competitive game. Exeter would like more than anything to knock Andover for a loss. The Big Blue squares off on Saturday against Exeter at 1:00 on the varsity field."



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Defender Vikas Goela '01 cuts the ball back past his opponent as he looks to clear the ball from Andover's defensive end.

Nov. 10

Boys Soccer Suffers Untimely First Defeat of Year to Choate

by Kate Takvorian
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| Choate | 2 |
| Andover (2 OT) | 1 |

On Saturday, November 18, dozens of parents and fans gathered at the Deerfield Academy playing fields to witness the boys' varsity soccer team take on its long time rival and defending champion, Choate-Rosemary Hall. This semi-final game in the New England Class A Prep School Tournament was a rematch of one played during the regular season in which PA prevailed 3-1.

Both opponents started off slowly, undoubtedly affected by the combination of the long trek to Deerfield, the high stakes, and the freezing temperatures. Choate, however, gained momentum early on, earning three corner kicks, all of which went long due to the narrowness of the field.

Andover, meanwhile, continued to sharpen its organization, controlling the midfield with the help of seniors Alex Bradley and Ian Taggart. The defense quickly stepped up their play, led by Emerson Sykes '01 and senior newcomers Matt Aronson and Andrew Smith. Creating numerous offsides penalties, Andover soon frustrated Choate as the Big Blue dictated the pace of the game.

Unfortunately, the offense was unable to create many opportunities with Choate's tight defense and numerous double-teams. As the end of the half drew near, Choate nearly found the back of the net on another huge corner kick, but stellar keeper James Kenley, '01 made a critical save, punching the ball over the top of the net and preserving a scoreless first half.

As both teams took the field for a second time, however, Andover was clearly pumped up and ready to play. The second half saw new energy from the boys in blue; the half-time adjustments clearly paid off as star forwards Scott Darci '01, Nick Franchot '03, and Dan Cote '02 found open space in the middle. Andover continued to wear

down Choate, which had only a handful of subs on their bench.

With sixteen minutes left on the clock, Andover took a free kick outside of the penalty box. The kick, taken by Franchot, found its way to Bronson McDonald '02, who slotted the ball into the center of the penalty box. Moments later, Smith touched it past the goal keeper, giving Andover a 1-0 lead. He referred to the score as a great weight off of the teams shoulders, commenting that "[the goal] was a relief because they had been barricading our goal and it took the pressure off."

As the final minutes wore down, Andover continued to dominate the game, gaining momentum with several close opportunities by powerhouse Darci, Cote, Franchot and Taggart. Unfortunately, the Big Blue was unable to convert these chances and could not secure their lead. On yet another corner kick, Choate stole a goal with only four minutes remaining, prolonging the game into overtime.

Two five-minute "golden goal" overtimes were played, and again, Andover came out strong at the outset. With only a minute left in the second overtime period, however, Choate's defense cleared another PA threat, sending the ball upfield to their top forward. In an outstanding one-man effort, he was able to elude PA defenders and launched a left-footed shot into the lower corner the net, past a diving Kenley, clenching the victory for the defending champions on one of the few defensive breakdowns of the game, and of the year.

Despite the disappointing loss, the boys varsity soccer team wrapped up a tremendous season with a record of 17-1, becoming the first team in several decades to go undefeated in the regular season. As Coach Bill Scott put it in his parting words to the team at the end of the game, "In my twenty-one years of coaching high school soccer, it doesn't get any better than this team."

16-0 REGULAR SEASON

Boys Soccer Posts Unbeaten Record for First Time

by Will Heidrich

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

In 1994 and 1995, PA won the New England Soccer Championships. Both teams did so in excellent fashion, but were not undefeated in the regular season. Once again the bar has been raised for PA soccer achievement, as this year's team put on a stellar show that propelled them just short of the New England Championship *and* a perfect season.

The ten seniors on the team carried the Big Blue to the forefront of an elite group of past teams that have dominated the New England league. "Looking back, it was a good year, and being a senior, it made this year even more special," said starting midfielder and four-year veteran Ian Taggart '01. The season was indeed special, even though defending New England Champion Choate played spoiler to the perfect season. It was Part II to an exciting game that took place October 7 with a 3-1 PA win. This time around, the first half was a competitive match that had Choate looking like the better team. It stayed neck to neck until the 98th minute when Darren Fernandez scored the biggest goal of his high school soccer career. He scored the golden goal that took Choate to the New England Final, only to lose to Loomis-Chaffee. It was a silent ending to such a great year for the Blue, but who could be upset with the kind of season that the team had? Scott Darci

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Players, Coaches Reflect on Single-Loss Season, Unity, Camaraderie

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'01 shattering the school record for goals scored in a season; the twelve convincing shut-outs; the ten seniors; and the hype that surrounded "the team to beat" for nearly two months. There were few heads hanging low later after the defeat; sportsmanship and pride for what the team has done over the past few months shone through.

It was one more road to cross, one more risk to take this year for the Soccer team. Faced with injury, adversity, and sickness, the team rose above it all and dominated the New England league for seventeen games. "I have never seen such an amount of talent come together the way we did this season," commented starting Midfielder Nick Franchot '03 who came to PA this year as a new lower. He wasn't the only new player to the team. Scottish PG, Andrew Smith '01 stabilized the team and gave leadership as a starting midfielder. PG Matt Aronson '01 came from Newton, MA to be the final member to the elite "Back Four" that guided PA to nine shutouts. He joined Vikas Goela '01, Emerson Sykes '01, and either Smith or Alex Bradley '01. The foursome, with the help of goalkeepers James Kenly '01 and Harris Ackerman '01 allowed just seven goals in eighteen games. Scott Darci '01 scored that amount of goals in three games this year. He, Bradley, Taggart, and Kenly are the only seniors to play Varsity for all four years at PA. "Playing on the Phillips Academy Soccer Team for four years has been

an honor. I will probably never have the opportunity to be a part of such a special program as I was here for the past four years. This year especially taught me that the whole team is greater than the sum of its parts," concluded Darci. These four were the vocal leaders that carried the team to its nearly perfect stature. Still, PA needed others to step up and help the team; the emergence of forward Dan Cote '01, the desire and leadership of the seniors, and the incredible energy from the bench sufficed. A year ago, after an upsetting loss to Shavaar Thomas and Hotchkiss, PA devoted itself to being a better and more well rounded team. Whether it was the bonding time the team had early in the year at Dartmouth or the mutual trust and comradery this team had, the Big Blue came together quite well as the year progressed.

The Big Blue team stole center stage this season, while their leader evaded the lime light. Coach Bill Scott came to Andover in 1988. During that time, he has had remarkable teams and success. This year's team started out with a blowout of a win against local rival, Brooks. They then went on to defeat the eventual New England Champion, Loomis-Chaffee, 2-1 with a late penalty kick that ended a the game. PA then went on to outscore their next three opponents 7-0 in competitive wins. Choate attempted to stain the spotless season, but fell short in Part I as PA won 3-1. Eight shutouts in the next nine games propelled the

team to the undisputed top spot in New England. Cushing Academy broke the string of shutouts by scoring quickly in the first half and putting PA behind in the score for the first time all year long. It didn't last too long, however, as the Big Blue was able to gut it out and remain undefeated. Entering the Exeter game, the team had a perfect record and if they won, they would be the first team in recent history of any school to go undefeated in the regular season. Exeter proved no simple foe, but it eventually fell as PA attacked, early and often, to rout the Big Red and go to the playoffs with a perfect mark. Even Belmont Hill's relatively noisy squad was no match, and the Big Blue was going full throttle into the semi-finals where Choate awaited. It was the last game for the nine seniors, sharply cutting off a miraculous season.

PA truly separated itself from the many other New England teams, not only with its play, but also with its sportsmanship and composure. "What separated this year from years past was the combination of teamwork, camaraderie, and senior leadership," concluded Assistant Coach Kevin Cardozo. The success never seemed to affect their play and they always had their heads on straight. It will be tough to see the seniors go, but we wish them good luck as we remember the incredible season that had together in 2000. Looking to next year, we have a handful of starters returning and ten total. It was a great year that we can only hope to top in the near future.

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After Perfect Season, Boys Soccer Falls in Playoffs

by Will Heidrich

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The season had started and finished in a blink of an eye. In one glance, there were thirty athletes in preseason camp. At another, Andover had just defeated Loomis-Chaffee, then a victory over Exeter to clinch a perfect regular season, and finally, a golden-goal loss at the hands of Choate.

The success of the 2000 season didn't start on day one—it all started in 1997, when four juniors made the Varsity soccer team. Though these four were a part of a team that was successful, at the time they had no idea that in four years it would be their time. These youthful athletes grew to be an integral part of a '99 team that fell short in the New England Playoffs. Most said after the Blue's devastating loss to

Hotchkiss and UConn-bound Shavaar Thomas would say that it was Choate's time. However, one group disagreed, an enthusiastic bunch in Andover, MA had hopes of a "Dream Team". They believed that a year later, they would be there experiencing victory. There were no doubters, only dreamers who wanted nothing less than a perfect season, to be a championship team that is remembered in years to come. Ye, this squad needed some new blood to fulfill its lofty dreams. The team's three new members brought their own determination, experience, attitude and talent to the already able team. The early going looked great as the team's potential developed each day, but the team had not yet come together. The preseason camp and early playing showed great signs of a team that featured a returning scoring tandem, a pair of senior goal tenders, and an anchor of four seniors. The team faced early adversity in the preseason: it lost its only scrimmage, and its confidence dipped as questions arose about the team's ability. The last chance the team had to unite was during its retreat to Dartmouth in which they would spend time seeing college teams play. There, the bonds strengthened and the team coalesced in a remarkable way. The team adopted a song from rapper Earl Simmons, also known as DMX, to sum up its hopes and aspirations: "One more road to cross, one more road to take..."

The first few in-season games for the Big Blue clearly set the tone for the magical season. September featured some of Andover's best play and showcased its' senior leadership. The season started with a slow game at home against Brooks. Its defensive-minded attack restrained the Blue's offense for forty-five minutes, but with the start of the second half they began an offensive blitz. Darci immediately beat a defender and netted the first of Andover's six goals in the second half.

Just three days after the inspiring

Brooks blowout, Andover headed to Windsor, CT to take on the eventual New England Champions, Loomis-Chaffee. "Loomis was great this year, but they were real young," commented Coach Scott. Their youth was evident early as Darci scored on a perfect pass from Franchot in just the fifth minute. From then on, the game was neck-to-neck, with Loomis' lone goal coming at the conclusion of the first half on a penalty kick that got past James Kenly's '01 outstretched arms. The score remained 1-1 for the majority of the second half despite numerous scoring-opportunities for the Big Blue. Loomis' fate was sealed with a late explosion by Darci. Darci beat his man and was on line to shoot for the high corner when he was tackled from behind setting up the game-winning penalty kick in the final minutes of the game.

Andover then went on to outscore its next three opponents 7-0. In addition to an impressive offense, the team's defense and James Kenly's goaltending brilliance were evident. Previously unbeaten Holderness, Tabor, and St. John's didn't stand a chance against the solid Big Blue.

Four days later, on the heels of a convincing shutout win over St. John's, the squad took on Choate, another undefeated squad. In the 32nd minute, Choate's Darren Fernandez scored for the first goal against the Big Blue in over ten days, but it took the Andover team only eight minutes to respond. Darci assisted Andrew Smith '01 in Smith's first goal of the year, locking the score at one to one heading to the half. Then, in the 59th minute, Franchot intercepted a Choate pass and handed the ball off to Darci, who once again gave the Big Blue the go-ahead goal. From then on, Andover remained on top, bringing home a decisive 3-1 victory—and the best record in New England.

Four days later, Andover continued

on its streak, stunning Beaver Country Day 2-1. "7 and 0 just doesn't happen," concluded the ecstatic Assistant Coach, Kevin Cardozo. Ian Taggart '01 was the hero of the day, scoring his first goal of the season in the 62nd minute. This win marked a pivotal moment for the Andover program; no team had ever gone 8-0 to start the year off.

Bridgton Academy hoped to ruin the early run for Andover. In possibly the roughest game of the season, it would be the seniors who once again led the team to Andover first ever 8-0 start. "We all got pushed around a little bit, but we proved we were better and came out on top," concluded Anthony Pucillo '03. The game featured Darci's first ever hat trick, leaving him almost speechless: "All I can say is that it's awesome!" Andover now had separated itself from all other teams and was in a league of its own.

After winning the annual alumni game 16-1, the team stood at a perfect 15-0 heading into the Exeter game. If the team won, it would be first among recent prep school squads to go undefeated in the regular season. In a picturesque set up, Andover completed an undefeated season and secured its position as the best team in New England with a 4-0 win.

PA came out full-speed into the New England Playoffs with high hopes. Belmont Hill, a school that shared similar aspirations palyed Andover at home, dashing the squad's chances at the New England Championship. Noisy Belmont Hill fans sidelined the field, but were silenced in the fourth minute when scored Cote beat the Belmont keeper, giving PA the lead. Minutes later, James Ford '02 scored his first goal since returning to the team with a knee injury. PA remained the favorite with a 17-0 mark unprecedented in the

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CHOATE CORNER- KICK PLAY DASHES SOCCER'S HOPES

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school's history as it entered the final four.

The Choate team had wanted a second chance at Andover all year, and finally, in the semifinals of the New England Playoffs, it got just that. The first half of the game showcased some of Choate's best play all season. Andover jumped to tie 1-1 with a Smith goal in the 75th minute. It was only thirteen minutes, though, before Choate got its final chance: a goal on a corner kick with just two minutes left to play. Most importantly, the goal ended Andover's storybook season. "I didn't believe it at first, I was writing down the shooting order for the penalty kicks when it happened," concluded Cardozo. It was over just as quick as it had all begun.

PA truly separated themselves from the many other New England teams, not only with its play, but also with its sportsmanship and composure. "In 21 years of high school coaching, I have never seen a group of 20 kids come together as a team to work for a common goal," concluded Coach Scott.

Looking to next year, the team returns seven players and brings in four new ones. Zach Knight '02 from Tacoma Park, MD, Johnny Whallon '02 from Bedford, MA, Mitch Bacon '02 from Andover, MA, and Matthew Smellie '03 from Jamaica. "We're going to be very good once again, and we're all excited about what next season will have to bring," Coach Scott concluded.



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The Blue Boys Soccer Team had one of its best seasons in recent history this fall, achieving an unheard of 17-0 record. Superstar forward Scott Darci '01 (left), four-year Varsity goalie James Kenley '01 (middle), and bright new addition Nick Franchot '03 (right) helped lead the team.

Scott Darci – Soccer

by Dan Shvartsman
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He's had a year of massive successes, as an individual and with a team. He's set numerous records and wowed fans, teammates, and opponents alike. He's had one of the greatest single seasons in any sport ever at this school. But this year hasn't been all fun and games for Athlete of the Term Scott Darci '01, who dealt with having his captaincy stripped from him for disciplinary reasons this year, as well as the disappointing ending to his and the boys soccer team's season.

The season began on a bad note for Scott, as he lost captaincy for tobacco use. "It was hard to deal with losing [the captaincy]. I felt like I let the team

down, and wanted to make it up to them, so I just worked even harder, and I hoped I motivated other guys on the team to work harder," Darci relates. But he claims not everything that came from the loss was bad. "It hurt us because there wasn't one guy in the position of making all the decisions, of controlling the field, which is what a captain can do. But it did help us. The other seniors stepped up and provided even more leadership, and I tried to do the same." And the team's response also helped Scott through the season. "They didn't stop believing in me, and they wouldn't give up on me, which really helped. I had a bad break, but it made me try even harder to be a good leader. It added fuel to the fire to push me as well."

Obviously the team was disappointed by a semifinal loss to Choate, but Scott says it wasn't the end of the world. "It's definitely disappointing, especially for guys who only have soccer as a sport. Being a senior and having this as your last chance also hurts. The ball just didn't bounce our way, but eventually you have to accept it and move on."

When you look at a season like Scott had, and the team had, there's a question as to how it all came together, and Scott points to a weekend early in the year. "On the team we had two new PGs, and a few other kids who were new to the school, and we went to a team retreat for a weekend. We made up some team goals, everyone became dedicated, and that's when I realized that we might have something special. That's what was so important for us and our success, that we really were a team." When he talked about his own achievements, Scott was a little more general about it. "It was just that I wanted to work my hardest. Whenever I made a mistake I felt like I was letting the team down, and I wanted that to happen as infrequently as possible."

One thing special about Scott's career at Andover is that he's been on Varsity four years. He has been together with Alex Bradley '01 and James

Kenly '01 that whole time, and he points to them as his motivators. "I've been part of the program for four years with them, and that's really helped me. They don't help me on the field so much because we play different positions, but off the field their desire to win really inspires me." Both of these guys reflected Darci's emotions. Said Kenly, "The way Darci plays raises the level of my game, just how he plays with such inspiration and ferocity." Bradley remarked simply, "Scott gives me inspiration on the field."

A player of Scott's talents has to have many strengths, but some of his are surprising. "I think I can really read an opposing team's defense well and find where the holes are, and I have a good first touch. But there's always room for improvement. Soccer has so many factors in it, so many things involved that can be worked on. If there was one thing I'd like to develop it's just my speed."

Having four years on the team gives Scott many things to look back on and take from his experiences. "I learned that commitment is everything, that the effort you put into it gets you something. It feels good that I can look back and know that both my team and I gave it everything we had to do as well as we could. I've gained a lot of confidence and learned to help other teammates. My leadership has really developed and I learned that hard work really contributes to success. And I've made

friends that I'll have for a long time." Scott remembers two games in particular. "Beating Loomis 2-1 was great because we haven't beaten them since I've got here. We were tied up with a minute left and I drew a PK and scored on it, and it was just really nice. And then beating Choate 3-1 was good too. They were another team we had not beaten in my career."

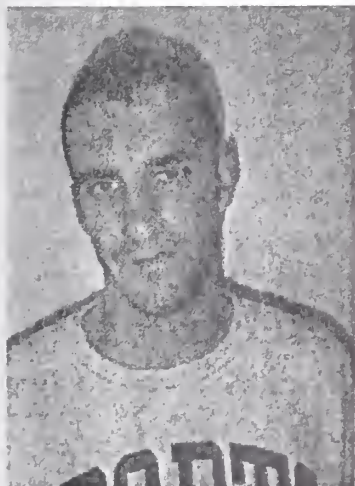
Scott obviously has college aspirations. "If I go to college to just play soc-



cer I'll go D-1. I'm looking at Yale, Dartmouth, and lately Harvard has stepped in. But I want to play hockey in college too, and I'll probably have to go D-3 then. There I'm looking at Bowdoin and Middlebury, but we'll see." No matter where he goes, Andover will have to deal with a great loss. As Dan Cote '02 puts it, "If I hadn't been playing with a player of his caliber, I wouldn't have had anywhere near as much success this year. Simply put, he made me a better player." Surely all his teammates feel the same way and will discover next year the true difference.

SCOTT DARCI '01

by Emily O'Brien
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Scott Darcy '01 has had a year filled with success, both on an individual level and as team member. Darcy now holds the Andover single-season goal scoring record for boys' soccer, having found the back of the net twenty times this season. The previous record was a mere thirteen goals.

Darcy also holds the school's career scoring record with a total of 38 points. He had one of the greatest single seasons ever seen at Andover, and was appropriately chosen as a Boston Globe Prep-Private All Scholastic MVP. Scott was also awarded the Smoyer Soccer Cup, given to a member of the boys' soccer team who, in his association with the sport, has contributed most to the team through sportsmanship, effort, and ability.

Despite the triumphant final statistics, the year has been full of ups and downs for Darcy, who dealt admirably with a disappointing ending to his and the Boys' Soccer team's golden 16-0 regular season. Darcy reflects that "Moving on to the finals would have been a well deserved reward for the effort and heart that all the guys put into the team."

"I hoped I motivated other guys on the team to work harder," Darcy recalls. Darcy relates that "The other seniors stepped up and provided leadership, and I tried to do the same."

The team's positive play and devotion was something that helped

Darcy through the season: "They didn't stop believing in me, and they wouldn't give up on me, which really helped. I had a bad break, but it made me try even harder to be a good leader. It added fuel to the fire to push me as well."

This year's boys' soccer team, benefiting from Darcy's huge contributions, recorded a perfect regular season heading into the New England Tournament. The Boys in Blue lost a tight semifinal match to Choate in overtime, a major letdown, but as Scott points out, it wasn't the end of the world: "It's definitely disappointing, especially for guys who only have soccer as a sport. Being a senior and having this as your last chance also hurts. The ball just didn't bounce our way, but eventually you have to accept it and move on."

A team such as this year's, which was so cohesive, is not born overnight; or perhaps it is. Scott points to a weekend retreat toward the beginning of the school year. "On the team we had two new PGs, and a few other kids who were new to the school, and we went to a team retreat for a weekend," he recalled. "We made up some team goals, everyone became dedicated, and that's when I realized that we might have something special. That's what was so important for us and our success, that we really were a team."

When talking about his own goals, Scott was more general: "It was just that I wanted to work my hardest. Whenever I made a mistake I felt like I was letting the team down, and I wanted that to happen as infrequently as possible."

Another aspect of Darcy's triumphant soccer career is his four-year membership on the Varsity squad. Alex Bradley '01 and James Kenly '01 have played with him for that entire time, and he points to

them as his motivators: "I part of the program for football with them, and that's really helped me. They don't help me on the field so much because we play in different positions, but off the field the way they win really inspires me."

Both Kenly and Bradley mirror Darcy's sentiments with encouraging comments. Said Kenly, "The way Darcy plays raises the level of the game, just how he plays with inspiration and ferocity." I remarked simply, "Scott gives inspiration on the field."

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Both Kenly and Bradley reflected Darci's sentiments with equally flattering comments. Said Kenly, "The way Darci plays raises the level of my game, just how he plays with such inspiration and ferocity." Bradley remarked simply, "Scott gives me inspiration on the field."

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op most, it's my speed."

Drawing on his four years of experience with the team, Darci has many cherished moments and memories: "I learned that commitment is everything, that the effort you put into it gets you something. It feels good that I can look back and know that both my team and I gave it everything we had to do as well as we could. I've gained a lot of confidence and learned to help other teammates. My leadership has really developed and I learned that hard work really contributes to success. And I've made friends that I'll have for a long time."

Darci remembers two games with particular clarity: "Beating Loomis 2-1 was great because we haven't beaten them since I've got here. We were tied up with a minute left and I drew a PK and scored on it, and it was just really nice. And then beating Choate 3-1 was good too. They were another team we had not beaten in my career."

Darci was also a lethal member of

the boy's hockey team. The PA boy's varsity hockey team had a difficult and very demanding season. Although the Big Blue started off strong, injuries plagued the team for most of the season. The damage to Darci's left hand was equally painful to PA's scoring drive, although when Darci returned, he iced the competition. All of the seniors, including Darci, contributed encouragement and talent when it was needed and PA fought to the very end, finishing with an overall team record of 11-1-13.

The hockey team's first line, consisting of Darci, Gino Rotondi '01, and Zack Smotherman '02, played a critical role. Despite his injuries, Darci contributed nine goals and twenty-three points. Head Coach Dean Boylan Jr. noted, "I was proud of our effort level throughout the year. We asked all of our players to hang together as a team throughout the season, and I think we did just that. I am especially thankful for the tremendous leadership skills shown by every one of our senior skaters. A great number of our seniors including Scott played through injuries."

Andover will suffer a great loss when Scott graduates and heads off to college next year. As Dan Cote '02 puts it, "If I hadn't been playing with a player of his caliber, I wouldn't have had anywhere near as much success this year. Simply put, he made me a better player."

Darci will attend Dartmouth next year and is expected to continue his legacy as a leader and key player on the soccer team there. Darci's drive for excellence and remarkable work ethic are sure to bring success to his upcoming seasons at Dartmouth. Darci attests, "I look forward to the Division I level, and I can only hope for teammates like the guys I have played with at Andover."



SPORT: Soccer - girls

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Lauren Miller

MANAGER:

COACH: Lisa Joel

ASSISTANT COACHES: Karen Kennedy

SEASON RECORD

WON 8 **LOST** 5 **TIED** 1

Letter Winners

Ashbaugh, Heidi
Blaeser, Carolyn C.
Butler, Louisa C.
Checovich, Christina
Coffin, Margaret W.
DeCesare, Nicole A.
Eakin, Tenley E.
Funsten, Allegra L.
Herrick, Heidi M.
Kelleher, Christina M.
Krause, Caitlin O.

Lincoln, Alexis P.
McCloskey, Ashley M.
Miller, Lauren R.©
Parfit, Elizabeth
Regner, Katherine A.
Ryan, Paige E.
Takvorian, Katherine S.
Vardaro, Danielle N.
Woodin, Heather K.
Zukerman, Alexandra W.

Soccer Girls– Varsity

2000 – 2001

| No. | Name | Pos. | Class | Hometown |
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| 23 | Ashbaugh, Heidi | B | 2002 | Elkhart, IN |
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| 1 | Butler, Louisa | GK/F | 2002 | Boston, MA |
| 2 | Checovich, Christie | B | 2002 | North Hampton, NH |
| 6 | Coffin, Margaret | B | 2003 | Westford, MA |
| 3 | DeCesare, Nicole | B/M | 2001 | East Greenwich, RI |
| 10 | Eakin, Tenley | F | 2002 | North Andover, MA |
| 16 | Funsten, Allegra | M | 2003 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 13 | Herrick, Heidi | F | 2002 | Falmouth, ME |
| 8 | Kelleher, Christina | M | 2002 | Andover, MA |
| 21 | Krause, Caitlin | F | 2001 | Keene, NH |
| 7 | Lincoln, Alexis | B | 2002 | Boxford, MA |
| 15 | McCloskey, Ashley | GK | 2003 | Wayne, PA |
| 4 | Miller, Lauren | B/M | 2001 | Brookline, PA |
| 29 | Parfit, Liz | F | 2001 | New York, NY |
| 25 | Regner, Katie | B/F | 2003 | Andover, MA |
| 12 | Ryan, Paige | M | 2002 | The Woodlands, TX |
| 5 | Takvorian, Kate | B | 2003 | Concord, MA |
| 22 | Vardaro, Danielle | M | 2003 | North Reading, MA |
| 17 | Woodin, Heather | M | 2001 | Tuscon, AZ |
| 19 | Zuckerman, Alexandra | F | 2001 | New York, NY |

Girls Soccer Wins Over Milton, St. Mark's, but Injuries Still Loom Large, Force Adjustments

by Jessica Tory
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Brooks | 2 |
| Andover | 1 |
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| Milton | 1 |
| Andover | 10 |
| St. Mark's | 0 |



GIRLS SOCCER

Along with classes and clubs, all of PA's fall sports teams are kicking off the new fall seasons. All eyes will be on the

Girls Varsity Soccer Team this year as we keep our fingers crossed for a repeat performance of last year's championship season, when the squad walked away with the New England soccer crown. However, team Captain

Lauren Miller '01 and Assistant Coach Karen Kennedy both feel that there will be no need for finger crossing.

"Coming in to it, we're going to be a good team," asserted Miller. "We've got a lot of work ahead of us, but we've also got a solid group of returnees, and a great group of new kids."

"We graduated eleven team members last year," said Kennedy, who also coaches the girl's Varsity Basketball team in the winter, "and we've got the same number of new kids coming in, including one PG."

The girls are excited to welcome the fresh legs, although they admit it will be different. "It's a big thing for us," said Miller. "Going from an old team to a new team is going to require some adjustment."

Although the team must certainly feel the loss of key seniors Ashley

Harmeling '00, Hillary Fitzpatrick '00, and Sarah Coté '00, girls soccer is prepared to carry this group beyond old standards. Coach Kennedy has a very positive outlook for the season to come: "We're going to focus on having fun, growing together as a team, getting faster and developing our touch."

Although the girls opened up pre-season with a tough 2-1 loss against Brooks last Wednesday, Kennedy maintains that it was more of a learning experience than anything else.

"It was a scrimmage," she said. "It was not a competitive game. There are lessons to be learned in scrimmages. It's not just about winning. Sometimes there are more important things than whether you win or lose."

Despite Wednesday's loss, the 'girls were back with a vengeance to win their second pre-season game this

past Saturday with a big win against Milton Academy. The final score was 4-1, with goals coming from Caitlin Krause '01, who also scored PA's only goal against Brooks, Louisa Butler '02 and Alex Zukerman '01, who had a pair.

According to returning senior Heather Woodin, spirit was the difference between Wednesday and Saturday.

"We had a lot more team chemistry on Saturday," said Woodin after the match. "We were really starting to see how we play together as a team and not just as a group of individuals."

Wednesday's game against St. Mark's further strengthened the team ego, as they crushed the opposition. Zukerman and Krause each had multiple goals, and Katie Regner '03 found the back of the net as well.

In order to challenge themselves and prepare for the season, the girls reduced their numbers until the Big Blue was three players down. They also played two-touch for most of the game, working on skills and team play.

Despite the victories, Woodin and Miller could not help discussing the injuries that have plagued the team so early on in this new season.

"We have a lot of injuries starting off the season," said Miller, "either from girls coming to us who were previously injured, or them getting hurt in the time they've been here. Because of that, we're constantly juggling our lineup, and trying new things to see what works."

This rocky start seems to be the doomed fate of girls' soccer, as the same infection of injuries that hindered last year's squad is striking again. However, if similar beginnings produce similar outcomes, there is no cause for worry.

Midfield player Heather Woodin is looking to the positive: "We do have a lot of injuries right now, which is definitely affecting our play. But most of them should be back really soon, and then we'll really start getting our game in gear."

While we wait for the injured to return, it is safe to say that the outlook for this new Varsity team is extremely positive.

"We've got a lot of potential," said Woodin. "It's very exciting."

The girls officially open up the 2000 season Saturday, with an away game against Loomis Chaffee. Lauren Miller called it the "Big Saturday Soccer Game."

Although there may well be more important things than winning a scrimmage, Coach Kennedy pointed out with a knowing smile: "Now competitive games...they're a little different." GO BIG BLUE!

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Forward Alex Zukerman '01 cuts the ball past an over-committed Milton defender during Saturday's 4-1 win. Zukerman, with Caitlin Krause '01, will provide much of the squad's scoring punch this season.

1999 Runner-Up Nobles Takes Its Revenge on Girls Soccer

by Ali Rosen

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| Andover | 6 |
| Tabor | 2 |
| Nobles | 2 |
| Andover | 1 |



The Big Blue continues to keep everyone wondering whether or not they can keep the title of New England

Champions. In the two games they played this week, they played well, but emerged with only one victory. Failure to work together in the first half ultimately resulted in a disappointing loss at Nobles.

Last Friday, under the lights at Brothers Field, the Girls Varsity Soccer played Tabor in an easy 6-2 win. The first half ended with Andover on top 2-0, with goals by Heather Woodin '01 and Alexandra Zukerman '01. In the second half Tabor scored two quick goals and the Andover girls realized they had to step up to win. After missing several scoring opportunities in the first half, Heidi Herrick '02 scored Andover's third goal. Zukerman and Woodin also scored second goals, and Tenly Eakin '02 managed to find the back of the net as well for the final goal of the game. Sweeper Kate Takvorian '03 commented, "We played well in the first half of the Tabor game, and got two goals early on. There were definitely moments where we had our lapses, and Tabor took advantage of that and scored two goals on us. But the fact that we were able to come back and score four more goal shows we had a lot of mental toughness." "We came out strong in the first half, scoring 2 goals. In the second half, at the beginning, we had a lapse. However, we managed to come back strong. We put it together with a lot of heart, and it showed in the end," added Meg Coffin '03 and Carolyn Blaeser '03. Overall the girls game

against Tabor was a great comeback after a disappointing loss at Loomis-Chaffe the previous Saturday.

Andover looked to carry this momentum into the Nobles game but came up short in the end. After a slow first half, the girls came back and played strong in the end. Nikki Decesare '01, fresh off an injury, played excellent, keeping up a fast pace throughout the game. Heidi Herrick also attempted a few terrific shots, all to no avail as they were knocked away by the Nobles goalie. The second of the two Nobles' goals was converted on a corner kick. However, Nobles' other two corner kicks, (one in the first half and the other in the second) were stopped by amazing saves from goalie Lou Butler '02.

In the second half, the girls came back with a bang, as Alex Zukerman notched Andover's first goal. Heidi Herrick commented, "I think if we started the game the way we played in the 2nd half we could have won." The last few minutes of the game were tension filled as coaches Lisa Joel and Karen Kennedy took Butler out of the goal, replacing her with Ashley McCloskey '03, and moved her in the field. Though Butler did manage to pressure Nobles, she was unable to get the equalizer. Moments later, Carolyn Blaeser blocked a Nobles shot in front of the goal and took it back up the field, passing to Meg Coffin, who was unable to sneak one past the goaltender.

"We were really flat in the first half, so Nobles got two quick goals, but in the second half we held them off and we should have won," commented Alexis Lincoln '02. Andover Girls Varsity soccer has a strong team this year and once they learn to play together as a team, they could be even better. The game at Choate on Saturday will certainly test the character of this team.

Oct. 6

Fired-Up Girls Soccer Squad Takes Tie, Win on Week; Looks to Improve

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| Andover | 1 |
| Choate | 1 |
| Andover | 4 |
| Middlesex | 3 |



GIRLS SOCCER

The fire is beginning to burn again.

The girls played two games this week, one resulting in a tie against Choate, the

only team they lost to last year, and one in a win over Middlesex, despite the chronic injuries that have plagued the team for the past two years.

Choate played dirty on Saturday, finishing the match with 13 fouls,

including ugly take-downs of top scorer Alex Zukerman '01 and Heidi Herrick '02. The first half ended without any major plays, and the score was 0-0, thanks in great part to sweeper Kate Takvorian '03, as well as to goalie Lou Butler '02. Before the first five minutes were up in the second half, Zukerman was again fouled, resulting in a penalty kick, taken by Tenley Eakin '02, and the first Andover goal of the game.

"It was a very fierce game. They were marking man-to-man, which turned it into a very aggressive match," commented Zukerman.

The first half continued with Takvorian and Butler working

hard, preventing goals. Carolyn Blaeser '03 also played excellently, keeping up with Choate's top forward. However, with twelve minutes left Choate scored a quick goal, tying up the game, which ended 1-1.

On Wednesday, Captain Lauren Miller '01 was back from injury, but Zukerman was out with a pulled hamstring. Head Coach Lisa Joel changed the starting lineup a bit, moving Butler out into the field and putting Ashley McCloskey '03 in goal.

The first goal came quickly for Andover, off a Miller corner kick that was headed by Caitlin Krause '01 and kicked into the goal by Heather Woodin '01.

A close call came on a Middlesex free kick that was shot hard from the left, but McCloskey came up with the save. In the last three minutes of the half Middlesex's top scorer converted a goal after many attempts, ending the first half with the teams knotted at 1.

The second half began with Middlesex coming out strong, but McCloskey rolled and dived to keep the ball out of the net. Five minutes into the half, Woodin managed to head one into the goal. Right after her a Middlesex goal was made in the top left corner of the net. A few minutes later, Nikki Decesare '01 answered with one of her own, putting Andover back on top.

With fifteen minutes left Middlesex scored another goal tying the game 3-3. Herrick, stealing the ball and running upfield, attempted a shot but was stopped short after a collision with a Middlesex player. Tension filled the air as the minutes ticked away, but with two minutes on the clock, Butler headed the ball off a cornerkick to score the final and winning goal.

The girls hope to build on the momentum of last week in today's match against Tufts JV.



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Above: Forward Caitlin Krause '01 looks for a cross after brining the ball down the wing. Below: Carolyn Blaeser '03 plays tough defense.

Upset Win Over Deerfield Followed By BB&N Loss for Girls Soccer

Nov. 3

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| Andover | 5 |
| Deerfield | 2 |
| BB&N | 2 |
| Andover | 0 |



The Big Blue snagged a huge win and a disappointing loss this week. They destroyed an undefeated Deerfield 5-2, but then lost their cool when

they played BB&N on Wednesday. Saturday's game was set up to be an important contest. On Parents' Weekend, the

girls were up against one of the best teams in New England. The game started poorly, with a Deerfield goal only 7 minutes into the game. However, 14 minutes later, Heidi Herrick '02 returned the favor, with a goal off of a gorgeous corner kick. Five minutes after that, Liz Partit '01, assisted by Tenly Eakin '02, slammed another one against the back of the net. The half ended with a score of 2-1. The girls geared up again, and goalie Lou Butler '02, was put into the field. Taking on the challenge, this versatile powerhouse scored Andover's third goal 7 minutes in, assisted by Captain Lauren

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Lou Bulter '02 weaves through the BB&N defense for one of the girls' best scoring opportunities of Wednesday's game, but ends up missing high.

Poor Luck, Own Goal Dampen Soccer's Week

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Miller '01. The girls were on fire, and after another 10 minutes, Eakin scored one of her own, with help from Butler.

But Deerfield wasn't ready to give up without a fight, and they scored their second goal only a minute after Eakin put in PA's fourth. Determined to have the last word, Herrick, who was the star of the game with 8 shots and two goals, followed the Deerfield goal four minutes later with the fifth and final Andover score. The girls left the game triumphant, parents by their sides, and the formerly undefeated Deerfield lost 5-2.

The game Wednesday was a huge disappointment, especially after the Deerfield triumph. The girls knew they were going to have to step up, with BB&N having a record of 7-2-2. The game started slowly in the freezing wind, with no shots from either team for the first 10 minutes. Herrick had a promising shot, but the goalpost staunchly rejected it. The game trudged along with little action at

first, sloshing back and forth across the field. However, with thirteen minutes left in the first half, an error in communication cost the Big Blue its first goal of the game. A looping BB&N cross threatened the Blue's 18-yard box, and star sweeper Kate Takvorian '03 looked to pull the Big Blue out of danger. Without decisive direction from goalie Ashley McCloskey, Takvorian had no choice but to take charge and go for the defensive header. Though she tried to slam the ball out of the danger zone, Takvorian mis-hit and inadvertently sent the ball sailing over McCloskey's fingers into the Blue goal. The half ended with the score still at 1-0 in BB&N's favor.

The second half began with a few shots, a corner kick for PA, and a kick for BB&N that was caught by McCloskey. Herrick attempted a shot, but it went over the crossbar. Takvorian subbed out, and while she was absent BB&N scored its final goal, a surprising kick off the far post that bounced into the goal. The game became tense, and Andover tried to push it up, but with no luck. The



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Nikki DeCesare '01 sends the ball upfield past a flat-footed Deerfield player.

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Athlete Of The Week



Heidi Herrick '02

"[Heidi] has been a great addition to our team both on and off the field."

—Captain Lauren Miller '01

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Making the adjustment from public school to private school, from living at home to living in a dorm, and from not being challenged academically to going to the toughest school in the country, all in the middle of high school, is harsh enough. Do all of this while exceling in a varsity sport, and you'll know a little of what has been overcome by Athlete of the Week Heidi Herrick '02, who has helped lead the Girls Varsity Soccer team to a winning record this season.

Heidi is a new upper who reigns from Falmouth, Maine where she attended Falmouth High School. There she played on the varsity team as a member of a State Championship team her freshman year. In the middle of sophomore year she decided that a private high school might be a nice change. "My dad went to Exeter, so I knew about (prep schools) through him, and I just thought something new might be good. Part of it was sports, but not everything." With this in mind, Heidi decided to matriculate to Andover.

Clearly coming to PA has raised the level of competition for Heidi. "(The competition) is a lot better here. Our team could beat just about anybody in Maine and we're not at the top of our league. I get pushed a lot in practice, especially by Lou Butler '02 and Kate Takvorian '03, but the whole team pushes one another." Heidi also feels the competition helps her as a player, saying, "I still have my days were I feel just like I did on day one, but I also have days were I feel I've really improved. All in all I think I've improved a little bit since I've been here. I hope so anyhow."

Heidi gets her help from the usual places, her coaches. "My coach last year was really helpful and a really good

coach. The coach I had for O.D.P. (Olympic Development Program) really helped me with my game. Of course our coaches now have been great too."

In addition, being a part of this team has also made a difference for Heidi. "Just soccer-wise it's nice to play with



people you know will get you the ball right where you need it. It's also a real close team. We've had a tough year but we've stayed close. I know we lost many players from last year, and they had a real good year then, but even now there are days when we can beat just about anybody. There are other days, though, when we just don't seem to click, and things aren't working well at all."

Soccer is a demanding sport for most, but Heidi loves the atmosphere of

the sport. "It just seems to come to me naturally. I really don't have to think when I'm on the field, which is nice. It's also good that it's a team sport, so you can share the success." When Heidi analyzes her game, she sees two main positives. "I think speed probably helps me most, just the ability to get to the ball quicker. Also I think that I do not give up and stay determined, which really brings up the level of my game." She does see flaws in her own game though. "I need to work on my first touch (of the ball), and I need to remember to always keep my head up on the field." Heidi has a deep background in the sport. She started playing recreationally when she was five years old, and started playing on a competitive team in 6th grade.

Coaches and teammates are effusive in their praise for Heidi. Coach Lisa Joel just remarked on Heidi's performance, "She scored two big goals for us against Deerfield, and stepped up, as that was a big game for us." Captain Lauren Miller '01, notes, "She came to the team with great skills, and she's been a great addition to our team both on and off the field."

Coming to Andover wasn't an easy transition for Heidi. She remarks, "The academics here are much harder than anywhere else, and it's tough to play soccer every day after a full day of classes." Evidently, whatever she's doing to get through the day, it's apparently working.

Girls Soccer Rolls Right Over Mediocre Opponents, Ready for Exie Battle

by Ali Rosen

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| Andover | 6 |
| KUA | 1 |
| Andover | 4 |
| Winsor | 1 |



Girl's Soccer keeps going strong. The girls won both of their games this week by huge margins, playing two excellent

matches against two decent teams.

On Saturday the girls went up

against Kimberly Union Academy. The game had hardly started when a shot slammed the back of the net. Tenley Eakin '02 and Heather Woodin '01 assisted the shot, while captain Lauren Miller '01 put it in.

Twenty minutes later, Lou Butler '02 passed to Heidi Herrick '02, who sunk a knuckler of a shot to up the PA lead to two.

KUA didn't even have the chance to get back on its feet before Eakin tapped in a lovely finesse shot, taking advantage of a Blue penalty kick. On the play, Kimberly nearly incurred a yellow card, not because of the penalty, but because the KUA head coach

was a poor sport and voiced a few of his opinions too loudly.

The second half started with two goals, one only three minutes in, and the other six minutes in, both scored by Herrick. With 25 minutes left, Nikki Decesare '01 landed her shot, scoring the 6th PA goal of the game.

The girls' shut-out rout was upset, however, by a goal by KUA with seven minutes left. Fortunately, the Big Blue had already put the game out of reach and finished with a winning score of 6-1.

Wednesday's game started off with complete Andover domination. The Big Blue took over a dozen shots, but none could find the twine of the net.

The game temporarily jerked to a halt with an unintentional injury to a Winsor player's nose.

As soon as the action picked up again, Eakin received the ball from Decesare and put it in. Winsor, however, came back a few minutes later with a goal of its own.

The second half began with the girls working hard to take back the lead. Thirteen minutes in, Herrick passed to Woodin, and after a scuffle up front, the ball slid past the goalie's hands. Seven minutes later, Herrick passed to Eakin who scored, putting Andover up two.

On defense, Kate Takvorian '03, Christie Checovich '02, and Carolyn Blaese '03 were working hard as a unit, not letting anything get past them, and in the second half Winsor was able to get only one shot off. With ten minutes left Butler passed to Herrick, who sealed the game with her first goal. Despite the mediocre first half, Andover came back, ending the game with a final score of 4-1.

The girls' squad's last game before the tournament begins is against Exeter tomorrow.



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Katie Regner '03 breaks towards Winsor's net in Wednesday's 4-1 win.

Girls Soccer Suffers Luke-Warm Season; Twelve Tough Returners Hope for Better Luck In 2001

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Despite a season plagued with many injuries, the Girls Varsity Soccer team pulled through an excellent year with a tremendous amount of heart.

With eleven seniors graduating, it seemed from the start that Girls' Soccer would have a tough road ahead. Led by Coach Lisa Joel and assistant coaches Karen Kennedy and Sarah Manekin, the team was depending on their very capable returning seniors, Captain Lauren Miller '01 and fellow seniors Caitlin Krause '01, Heather Woodin '01 and Alex Zukerman '01. New additions Nikki DeCesare '01 and Liz Parfit '01 completed the senior roster. Returning uppers Lou Butler '02, Christie Checovich '02, Christina Kelleher '02 and Tenly Eakin '02, along with Carolyn Blaeser '03 and Kate Takvorian '03 welcomed further fledglings to the team: Heidi Ashbaugh '02, Danielle Vardaro '03, Katie Regner '03, Meg Coffin '03, Allegra Funsten '03 and Ashley McCloskey '03, and Heidi Herrick '02.

"Coming in to it, we're going to be a good team," asserted Miller at the beginning of the season. "We've got a lot of work ahead of us, but we've also got a solid group of returnees, and a great group of new kids." The girls started off the season with a tough scrimmage against Brooks, which ended in a close but unsuccessful 2-1 loss. They went on to seal their first pre-season win at the Milton game, capturing a 4-1 victory with goals by Krause, Butler and Zukerman.

The girls were ready for their first regular season game, and they crushed St. Mark's in the blistering heat, 9-0, with goals by Zukerman, Krause and Regner. However, injuries were already a problem. Heather Woodin commented at that time, "We do have a lot of injuries right now, which is definitely affecting our play." The girls' second game, against Loomis Chaffee, failed to fulfill that promise. The Big Blue was able to hold Loomis off for the first half, keeping the scoreboard empty. But the Loomis girls eventually took the upper hand, netting two shots and chalking up a 2-0 loss for PA. Midfielder Christina Kelleher remarked, "We adjusted our lineup to counter the strengths on Loomis' team, but we never adapted completely to the resulting difference in our midfield game."

The next game against Tabor was a solid victory, encouraged by the cheering fans under the lights at Brothers Field. The game started well, and the first half ended with two goals from Zukerman and Woodin. In the second half, Tabor scored two quick goals, while Herrick responded with

PA's third, and Zukerman and Woodin put in their second goals of the game. Eakin finished the game off with the sixth goal. "We came out strong in the first half, scoring 2 goals. In the second half, at the beginning, we had a lapse. However, we managed to come back strong. We put it together with a lot of heart, and it showed in the end," commented Meg Coffin and Carolyn Blaeser.

After the disappointing loss to Loomis, the Tabor game was a boost. However, the next game against Nobles dampened the girls' spirits once again. Struggling through a flat first half, the girls managed to pick up speed in the second half, but with only one goal from Zukerman, the team was unable to pick up a win. Herrick commented, "I think if we started the game the way we played in the second half we could have won."

Varsity Soccer looked forward to their next game with great anticipation. Choate was the only team PA had fallen to in their previous season. Choate played rough, and ended the game with 13 fouls, including brutal takedowns of Herrick and Zukerman. The first half ended at 0-0, thanks largely to the excellent teamwork of sweeper Takvorian and goalie Butler. Before the first five minutes were up in the second half, Zukerman was fouled, giving Andover a penalty kick and the team's first goal of the game, accurately knocked in by Eakin. Unfortunately, Choate came back twenty minutes later with a goal, and the game ended in a tie.

The next game against Middlesex was a change for Big Blue, with Miller back from an injury. Zukerman out due to a pulled hamstring, and McCloskey in goal instead of Butler. Woodin made a goal early in the first half, assisted by Krause. McCloskey tenaciously saved a long line of attempted shots until Middlesex's top scorer slammed one past her at the end of the first half. The Middlesex girls came out strong in the second half, but were unable to get anything past Andover's defense. Woodin headed in a shot which was quickly answered by a Middlesex goal. DeCesare put the girls back on top with a goal of her own. With fifteen minutes left, Middlesex managed to get another one past McCloskey. The tension built as the minutes ticked down, but with less than two minutes to go, Butler proved her field skills by getting in the final winning shot, giving Andover renewed hopes for the season.

With morale on the rise, the girls earned another victory against Northfield Mount Hermon. The game began with a quick goal from Coffin. Within a few minutes, Herrick added another point, giving the Big Blue a firm lead. Though NMH was able to add another goal to their side, Andover was still ahead at half-time. The sec-

ond half began with a goal from Regner, and then, Herrick managed to find the back of the net a second time. The game ended with a triumphant 4-1 victory.

Unfortunately, the Blue's winning streak ended with a disappointing loss to St Paul's. Though the Girls were able to finish the first half tied at 0-0, the St Paul's ladies were able to sneak in a goal and win with a close 1-0 victory. "We played hard, and we have everything, but we failed to execute," commented Nikki DeCesare.

The Big Blue bounced back for their next game against Deerfield, on which Krause commented: "Deerfield ain't nothin' but mammals." Perhaps this observation gave the team inspiration, because, on Parent's Weekend, the girls fired up to play the undefeated team. The game started slowly with the only goal scored by Deerfield. But Herrick answered with a goal, and Parfit was able to find the back of the net only five minutes later. The first half ended with a score of 2-1. Butler came out of the goal, and scored Andover's third point, and Eakin was right behind her, slamming in the fourth. Deerfield wasn't ready to give up the fight and they put in their second goal. However, Herrick was determined to have the last word, and she

put in her second goal, ending the game with a score of 5-2.

The next game against BB&N was another hard loss, especially after the triumph against Deerfield. The game started slowly, with neither team playing as hard or as well as they could have. Due to a failure in PA's communication, the girl's of BB&N were able to tally a point on their side. In the second half, BB&N was able to seal PA's fate with another goal. The game ended with a disappointing 2-0 loss for Andover.

Picking up the pieces, the Blue came back with a strong win against KUA. The game had barely started when Miller put one in, and Herrick netted one twenty minutes later, putting PA up by two. The half didn't end until Eakin tallied the third goal. The second half started quickly with Herrick putting in two goals within the first 6 minutes and DeCesare easily finding the back of the net a few minutes later. Though KUA ended hopes of a shutout by coming through with a goal of their own, Andover managed to pull out a 6-1 victory. The next game against Winsor started with complete domination by Andover but the Ladies in Blue weren't able to find the back of the net. Near the end of the half, assisted by DeCesare, Eakin slid one by the Windsor defense only to see the opposition respond in kind. The second half began with Andover determined to recapture the lead. Two goals, one by Woodin and a second from Eakin, proved to be no problem. Takvorian, Checovich, and Blaeser worked as an excellent unit, and Winsor was only able to attempt one shot during the entire second half. Herrick tapped in PA's final shot and Varsity Soccer secured a 4-1 to win.

The last game of the season proved to be a disappointment, although the girls pulled through with amazing spirit. Up against arch-rival Exeter, the first half of the contest was filled with fouls despite the fans cheering the girls on. Exeter attempted numerous shots on goal, but Butler did a phenomenal job of keeping the ball out of the net. The Red pushed ahead four minutes into the first half, breaking out of the 0-0 deadlock. PA wasn't ready to give up and Herrick shot one in, tying the game up once again. With ten minutes left in the game, Exeter sealed their victory with a second goal, and the girls in Blue were unable to respond.

Despite the disappointing loss to Exeter, the season was played with heart. The girls pulled through after losing eleven of last year's seniors and enduring numerous injuries, including Miller's and Zukerman's. Herrick pointed out, "Even though the season didn't turn out the way we wanted it to, we played our hardest." The seniors are going to be sorely missed next year as the team begins a new season without six critical players. "We are really going to miss the seniors, they [are] really talented and are great role models" added Funsten. Butler and Checovich will step up as the newly elected captains and the girls are aiming to regain their 1999 title of New England Champions. The defensive team of Takvorian, Checovich, Blaeser and goalie Butler will still be on the field, supporting top scorers Eakin and Herrick, along with a number of other returners. Takvorian put the season into perfect perspective when she said, "On the whole, we had a rebuilding season this year, with such a new and primarily young team. Although we had our ups and downs, our team showed a good deal more progress than our record reflects, and we look forward to next season."



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Captain-elect Lou Butler '02 takes a break from the goal to fend off a BB&N defender.

CAITLIN KRAUSE '01

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Caitlin Krause '01 has enjoyed a stellar athletic career in soccer, hockey, and track ever since she entered PA as a new lower. Her amazing speed, athleticism, and ball skills made an inordinately large contribution to the Girls' Soccer team's 11-1-3 record during the 1999 regular season and their three consecutive wins at the New England Tournament, capturing the New England Championships.

"Caitlin possesses a tremendous amount of speed and she is a very unselfish player. As a result, she creates numerous opportunities up top," noted Kate Takvorian '03.

Caitlin has lived her entire life in Keene, New Hampshire with her parents, her twin brother, Nick, and her two younger sisters, Allie and Kerry. Krause began recreational soccer when she was about eight, a relatively late starter to the sport. Even so, she spent a large amount of time playing with her dad, who coached her during her younger years -- one of the biggest influences on her soccer career.

Caitlin played on her middle school team as well as on the Keene travel soccer team. She enjoyed playing soccer while growing up, in part because all of her friends played on her team. Perhaps this is why Caitlin cited "team dynamic" as one of the main reasons for the hugely successful 1999 season. Krause states she "always loved playing soccer, and my parents

were really encouraging and supportive." Her parents also urged her to attend PA after two years of high school at Keene High. "Family friends told my parents about PA. I wasn't really interested at the time, but everyone thought it would be a good opportunity."

Krause made varsity soccer as a new lower in what some called a "rebuilding year" and she excelled as a forward. Although the team didn't qualify for the New England Tournament, Caitlin enjoyed herself nonetheless. "We had a lot of talent, but we never quite got it together. The team was a lot of fun, but we weren't very serious."

The girls' soccer program seemed to rebuild very nicely for Krause's upper year: the 1999 season was a season to remember. Krause asserts, "Upper year, the team was composed of a lot of the same kids [as lower year], but that year we really clicked as a team. All the individual talent came together. The team showed amazing commitment throughout the season and the work ethic on the team was phenomenal."

The year began very poorly for the girls as starting forward, Tenley Eakin '02, who was expected to play a large role in the attack, tore her ACL and was lost for the season. Just a few weeks later, Co-Captain defender Hillary Fitzpatrick '00 also tore her ACL, sidelining her as well. The same day the team learned the extent of Fitzpatrick's injury, post-graduate defender Renee Moulton suffered a season-ending ACL tear in a 1-0 loss to Choate.

Krause stated simply, "The hardest part of the season was by far all the injuries, especially to players in such leadership roles." However, Krause stepped up her level of play yet another notch to help fill the holes left by the sidelined starters. "People stepped up to fill the gaps and everyone gave a little extra and worked a little harder. We were a really strong and devoted team."

Despite the hard work the season involved, Caitlin always had fun with those parts of practice that helped her hone her soccer skills, such as soccer ball juggling. She noted that the team

became really close as the season progressed, a factor that worked to their benefit during the tight matches of the New England Tournament. Winning the tournament, as Caitlin puts it, "was really cool, the highlight of my athletic career at PA" and an amazing way to cap off a great season.

The 2000 season was "definitely a bit of a letdown" after the amazing success of '99. "In many respects it paralleled my lower year," she commented. "It was a hard, gritty season where the team, despite lots of talent, simply wasn't as deep, and we just couldn't bring it together to get the wins we needed."

Krause began her hockey career around the time she started playing soccer--age eight. Unfortunately, her first experiences in the sport weren't as easy as with soccer. She had to play on

all-boys' squads at first because no girls' teams had been established. A few other girls played on the team, but, for the most part, it was just Caitlin and the guys. Recognizing the growing need for a girls program, Caitlin's family, along with a few other interested parents, established a girls' hockey program. Krause played on a team called the Keene Cobras until she entered high school.

"We had horrible ice time when we first started the team, at five in the morning. It felt like the middle of the night. Amazingly enough, a bunch of girls came out to play. My mom helped to set up and organize the team and my dad was the coach. My father did an incredible amount of work to keep the program going. He found teams for us to play and showed amazing amounts of patience when coaching the girls,

many of whom had never touched a stick or seen a puck before."

On entering PA, Caitlin finally had the opportunity to play competitive hockey at a more normal hour than five am. She was also able to practice every day as opposed to the two days a week she has been used to in New Hampshire. Krause recognized that the PA team did not win a ton of games, but both she and the team showed improvement under the guidance of skilled coaches.

Emily Izeinstein '01 noted, "Caitlin possesses an amazing amount of natural talent and adaptability. She is an asset wherever she plays on the ice, whether she is setting up the goal or playing strong defense."

In Krause's upper year, the team knocked off some of the top seeds in New England, namely perennial hockey powerhouses Deerfield and Lawrence Academy. However, their record was not all for which they had hoped, and Krause eagerly anticipated her senior season. The team started the season with a strong finish at the Taft tournament, but was unable to come together and capitalize on all of the individual talent. Krause attributes the improvement in the team, as well as her enjoyment of playing with them, to the coaches: "Martha, Chad, Timmy, and Marty have all been great."

Krause has been running track since sixth grade, showcasing the speed that sometimes is overlooked in soccer and hockey because of her excellent ball and stick skills. She runs the mile, the 800 and the 4x400. Personal bests for Caitlin included her performances at Interschols in her lower and upper year where she placed second in the 1500 (4:51) and second in the 800 (2:20).

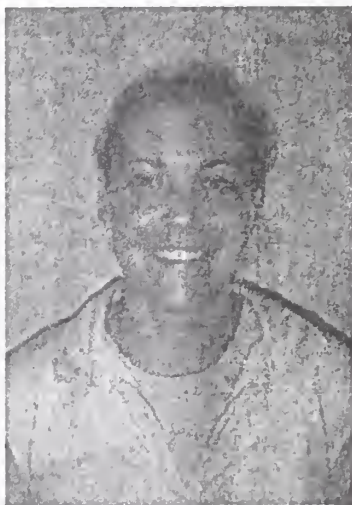
Despite numerous wins and enjoyable seasons dispersed throughout her PA career, Krause's favorite moment by far was winning the New England's in soccer. "We beat a lot of unbelievable teams, and our work ethic really paid off. It was a great experience."

Krause compliments her hours on the athletic fields with workouts on her homework and on the piano. She plans to attend Colby next year where she has plans to continue "dominating" in both soccer and hockey.



WOODIN HEATHER

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Soccer coach Lisa Joel says it best: "Heather is just a tremendous all around athlete." A varsity soccer, basketball, and lacrosse player, Heather Woodin '01 is one of this year's Athletes of the Year, and not only on *The Phillipian's* pages.

Heather may never have broken a soccer record, or come out of a basketball season with the highest scoring percentage, but what the numbers don't show, and what her friends, coaches and teammates say about Heather, stand out above any statistics. Joel relates, "To be a three sport athlete for the time she has, and to have such a commitment as she does is an accomplishment within itself."

Woodin's dominance begins in soccer. She has played soccer since she was five years old, but her parents had started to encourage her far earlier. "My parents threw a soccer ball at my feet before I could walk," jokes Woodin.

This is no surprise considering that not only did both of her parents play soccer, but also that her father almost went pro in Britain.

This year as a center midfielder, Woodin led her team in what she considered to be a "rebuilding year," with only four seniors on the team. She recalls her best soccer season at PA, during her upper year: there were many seniors, who contributed to the

strength of the team and let the Big Blue to the New England Championships.

As for how many goals she has scored this year and last, Woodin modestly recounts, "a few." Nevertheless, Coach Joel comments, "Her presence will be sorely missed; hers are some big shoes to fill." In any case, winning the tournament that year was a great thrill for her.

Woodin's "love for the game" flows smoothly from soccer to basketball. Complementing her upper year's soccer championship, Woodin also saw the girls' basketball team top the league. Woodin remembers, "It was a really good feeling to win two times in one year."

But Heather credits the seniors on the team for their success. "I just contributed as much as I could," she says. This year, however, Woodin has risen to be captain, a position that her teammates wholeheartedly feel she deserves.

According to Misty Muscatel '01, "Heather showed complete confidence in stepping up to the role of captain, and made it known that she was there for everyone. Everyday she demonstrated a great work ethic that set a high standard for everyone." Christine Okike '01 agrees: "Heather is an amazing athlete, a real asset to any team, and her strong work ethic has helped to unify the squad."

In what was supposed to be a rebuilding year, Woodin, with her presence on and off the court, carried the Blue basketball team to a second place finish in the New England tournament. Of her leadership, Courtney Tetrault '03 says, "Even when Heather isn't playing, she always talks it up, offering advice and encouragement from the sidelines."

The statistics on Heather Woodin clearly showcase the way she plays in all of her sports. In the 2000-2001 basketball season, Heather led the team in assists, with 40 spread across the entire season.

Woodin has shined throughout her four years on the Varsity team. She ranks 6th on the all-time leading scorers list with an astounding 370 points, showing that she has been a key asset to the team throughout her

PA athletic career. She also ranks first in the all-time scorers' list for three pointers, with 48 from downtown. Overall, Woodin has been a huge asset to the girls' basketball team; her stats are tough to match.

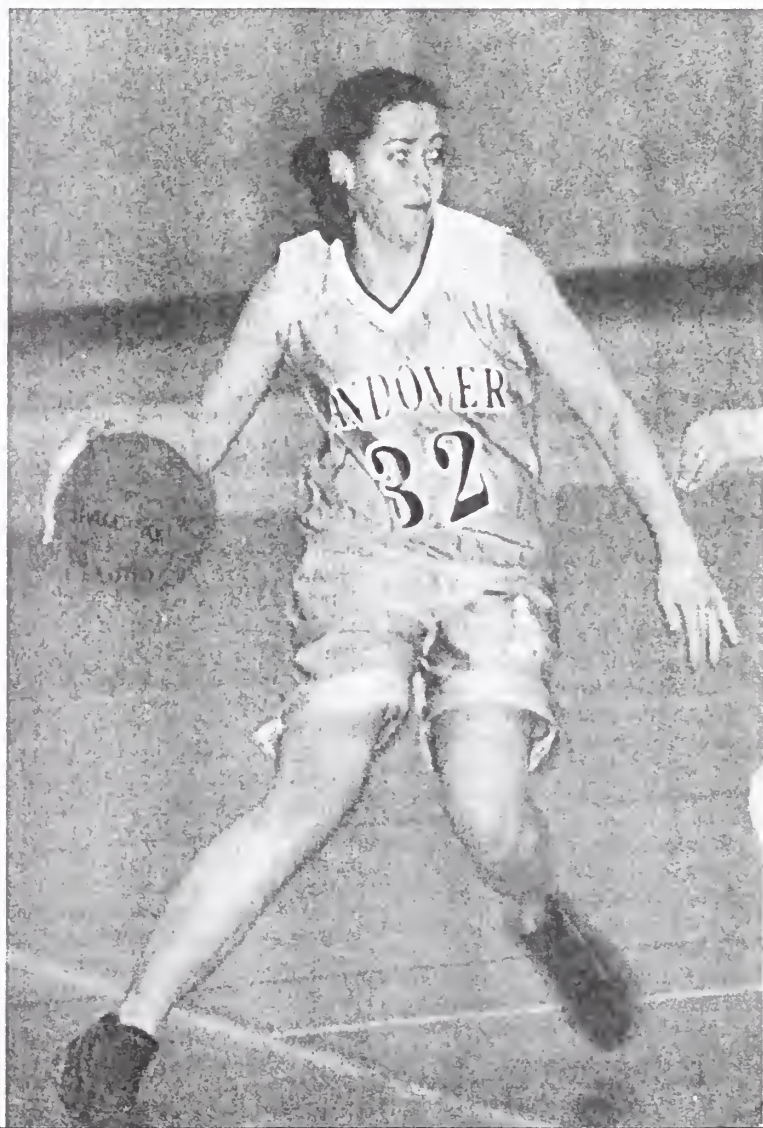
Woodin rounds out her tri-varsity status with a spot on the Varsity Lacrosse team. Amazingly, Heather has only played lacrosse since her junior year. As a ninth grader, she was asked to play goalie for the JV team, and she remained as such for the first half of her lower year, until mid-season she asked to be moved. Woodin recounts, "Because I like running around, I got bored in the net." From

her new position in the midfield, Heather has thrived.

Head Coach Kate Dolan reflects, "She's a very effective midfielder. She can score, but also play defense in the sense that she double teams well and slides well; she's effective in all areas."

Lacrosse captain Lauren Anneberg '01 maintains that because of her drive, Woodin has adjusted quite nicely. "She hasn't played lacrosse long, but what she might lack in years of experience, she makes up for in athleticism and energy on the field."

Whether in soccer, basketball or



lacrosse, teammates and coaches agree that what makes Heather such an incredible athlete is her intensity. Anneberg asserts, "She works very hard. She has and intensity and a clear passion for athletics that you can see in her drive and her work ethic."

Woodin is by no means selfish on the field. Coach Joel relates, "She was a bit of an unsung hero on the field. Her accomplishments were quiet, she was never in the limelight, but she rallies the team around her, making the big pass, or cheering for her teammates." Coach Dolan agrees, "She's a quiet, unrecognized factor in our games, but she has really helped out."

Woodin feels that she has gained a good deal from her PA athletic career. "[I've gained from] the friendships: I play sports with some of my really good friends. It's a friendship that I can't get outside of sports." Woodin describes it a special kind of amity because she and her teammates strive together while "winning and losing and going through all sorts of emotions together."

Heather also feels that she has learned much from her coaches. Lisa Joel has become one of her favorite faculty members, to whom she goes for advice. Head Basketball Coach Karen Kennedy has taught her a lot about women's sports, while Kate Dolan and Martha Fenton, her lacrosse coaches, have taught her how to play the game and improve her skill.

Woodin intends to attend the University of Arizona next year in her home state. When asked if she would play sports in college, she said that she would try to play soccer, but that their basketball team was perhaps on too high a level. Coach Joel, however, is confident in her abilities: "If she wants to she definitely could have athletics in her future at the University of Arizona."

One never knows: if Heather continues on her streak of success that has begun at PA, she just might turn some heads.

SPORT: Volleyball - girls

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Julie Papanek

MANAGER: Colin M. Penley, Gabe Cuthbert

COACH: Clyfe Beckwith

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH: Marlys Edwards

SEASON RECORD

WON 10 **LOST** 5 **TIED** 0

Letter Winners

Conley, Camille A.
Dickerson, Devon J.
Hanley, Mary K.
Hartsock, Sydney H.
Huang, Vivian
Lau, Sarah
Okike, Christine A.

Papanek, Julie©
Penley, Colin M.mgr
Perkowski, Elizabeth M.
Schellenberg, Kathryn E.
Siepser, Kelsey R.
Yee, Cynthia A.

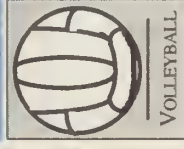
Volleyball Girls– Varsity
2000 – 2001

| No. | Name | Class | Hometown |
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| 5 | Conley, Camille | 2001 | Santa Ana, CA |
| 1 | Dickerson, Devon | 2004 | Pasadena, CA |
| 11 | Hanley, Mary | 2004 | Seattle, WA |
| 14 | Hartsock, Sydney H. | 2001 | Seattle, WA |
| 6 | Huang, Vivian | 2002 | Phoenix, AZ |
| 2 | Lau, Sarah | 2002 | San Francisco, CA |
| 3 | Okike, Christine A. | 2001 | Boylston, MA |
| 13 | Papanek, Julie A. | 2001 | Chicago, IL |
| 9 | Perkowski, Elizabeth M. | 2001 | New York, NY |
| 7 | Schellenberg, Kathryn E. | 2001 | Pacific Palisades, C |
| 12 | Yee, Cynthia A. | 2001 | Phoenix, AZ |

Volleyball Off to Promising Start, Sweeping in Round-Robin Tourney

by Colin Penley
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 2 |
| Dracut High | 1 |
| Andover | 3 |
| Cushing | 0 |
| Andover | 2 |
| Exeter | 1 |



With eight returning varsity players and four strong new additions to the team, the Phillips Academy Girls Volleyball team

looks to have a very, very strong season. Julie Papanek '01, in her role as setter and captain, looks to lead the team to a NEPSAC championship and avenge tough late season losses to Phillips Exeter in the last few seasons. And with the strength of the team, they have already proved themselves to be a

force in the league.

On last Wednesday, the Blue took on the perennial local powerhouse and 1999 Massachusetts Division A runner-up, Dracut. The girls entered the afternoon expecting a tough match. Fired up and ready to play, the team played hard and quickly dispatched the hard-hitting Dracut girls. The team proved themselves to be strong and scrappy defenders, sending many balls back over the net that caught Dracut off-guard. There was also some very strong offensive play by returning players Sydney Hartsock '01, Christine Okike '01 and Katie Schellenberg '01.

On Saturday evening, Andover hosted a Play Day, a time for league teams to get together and play some volleyball without the pressure of league standings. With four teams and a round-robin format, the evening started off with only one mishap. One of the officials did not show up so Andover had to provide an extra ref.

Fortunately, the games were quickly underway. Andover's first match was against Cushing. The Cushing team, not known for their strength over the last few years, came out and gave everything they had in the match. But unfortunately for them, it was not enough, and Andover took advantage and used the match as a good warm-up for the rest of the evening. Next, the girls in Blue took on St. Paul's. St. Paul's, which was one of the top teams in the league last season graduated many of their players and was not an impact team in the round robin. Kelsey Stieper '02 called the game a "wake-up call" and said that it made the team "raise the level of their play. But" she continued "we still beat them pretty easily." The team used the game against St. Paul's as a stepping block to help raise the level of their play to a higher state in which they were ready to play Exeter. The first of the three games was a slow start for the ladies

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Sept. 22

Girls Volleyball Spikes Opposition; Championship Seems Within Reach

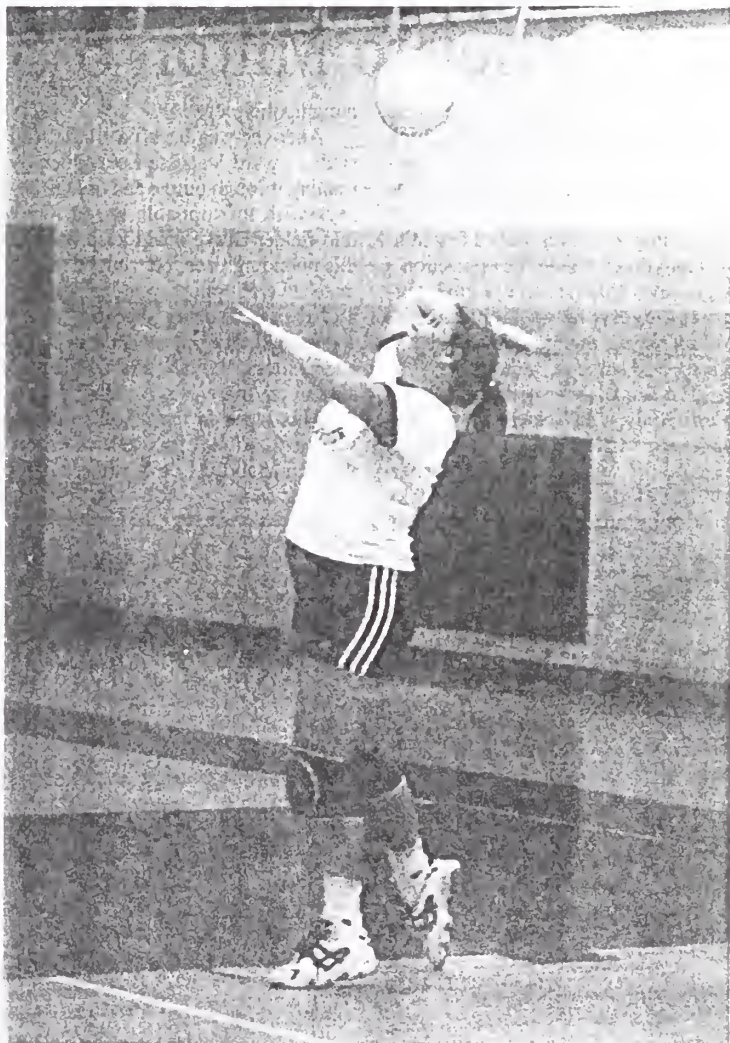
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and the Exies capitalized of the girl's mediocre beginning. In the second game Blue turned up the heat and began to trounce the Exies. The trend carried on into the third game and the girls were up 12-8 when the 50-minute match time ran out. The girls were undefeated on the day and showed that they could be competitors. But Hartsock thinks "the team still needs to bring their game up to the next level if they want to be the NEPSAC champions."

The Play Day, well marked with strong teamwork and group co-operation, was also a great showcase of some of the individual skills of the Andover girls volleyball team members. Papanek really showed off her skill at transitioning the ball from

defense to a strong offensive attack. She was backed up well by new comer Devon Dickerson '04. Dickerson's soft-handed sets were perfect for the hitter to kill. Okike and Libby Perkowski '01 teamed up to create a powerhouse force in the middle, block and hitting up a storm. Also rotating into the middle was junior Mimi Hanley. Papanek said of Hanley, "she has really stepped up to the plate. She and [Dickerson] are really holding their own on the team of primarily seniors." Hitters Hartsock, Schellenberg, and Vivian Huang '02

dominated the court and between they racked up many kills. Defensive players Camille Conley '01 and Sarah Lau '02 both covered the court very well and picked up many of the their opponents hits. But the best play of the tournament came from Cindy Yee '01. Yee did every thing. She played defense to beat the band, and she was skying and hitting balls over the opposing block. Papanek commented, "we have very high expectations for this season. We simply want to win it all. It may seem like a lot but we can definitely achieve our goal."



L. Cropp/The Phullipian

Katie Schellenberg '01 lets a serve rip in one of volleyball's three games last Saturday.

never cease to astound even rivals. Her ability to move the ball out of the circle promptly prevented Milton from taking even more shots on goal. But despite these genuine and often times necessary efforts on Andover's part, Milton forged ahead, scoring one more point right before the end of the first half.

Blue switched sides the second half, now having to face both a difficult match and the blinding rays of sun. This additional disadvantage worsened a situation where the team was already in dire need of some sort of revival. Whatever it was they were searching for, they seemed to find it soon because front liner Tetrault tipped the ball into the back board of the goal, once again, making the score an even one.

Again, however, goalie Barendsfeld found herself in an impossible position with several Milton forwards on her pads. She managed to block a hard hit from the side, but an adversary's stick instantaneously rebounded the shot, boosting their score to 3, over Andover's 2.

Shortly after, Milton was winning by two points, but Blue still held their heads up high. Number 10 trapped a brilliant hit by Noero on an offensive corner, slamming the ball into the goal with a flawless slap shot, one so accurate and distinct, only four-year team member Merri Hudson could have hit it. This exquisite display of pure skill motivated the team, pushing its drive up several notches; they were finally on top of their game.

Milton detected a clear resurgence in PA's play, and pressured Andover's goal with double the combativeness they exuded earlier. The opponent's pugnacious nature led to an unusual occurrence: a penalty stroke against Andover. Barendsfeld drew on her five-plus years of experience in the goal and came up with a great save of a hard shot. Unfortunately, Milton won another stroke ten minutes later, and despite clearing one shot after another, Barendsfeld finally let one ball slip through, putting Milton ahead again.

With only a few minutes left in the second half, it was looking bleak for the Big Blue, but regardless, they stuck it out, playing their hardest against what had become their toughest competition in the season thus far. Suddenly, a purple jersey emerged from the crowd of players in the center of the field, racing down the middle with a large orange marble rolling just a few feet ahead of her. In a moment she was alone in front of the goal.

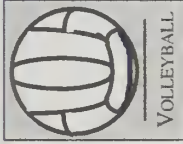
With everyone else left back at the fifty, mouths dropped open with panic, she swung a hard drive at the goal, but was foiled by the tip of Barendsfeld's left foot. A simple tap was all it took to finish the play and score Milton's the fifth goal, however, and with time running down, Andover had no time to come back.

Yet despite this less-than-ideal season start, the challenging match enabled PA to recognize what they need to work on so that they can continue with the admirable enthusiasm and play the rest of their games with a perseverant effort that paralleled what they displayed Wednesday.

Volleyball Splits Non-League Matches, Coming Back From 2-0 Deficit Against North Reading

by Colin Penley
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Chelmsford | 3 |
| Andover | 1 |
| Andover | 3 |
| North Reading | 2 |



With two non-league matches, this week was a time for the girl's volleyball team to work on some complex plays and to improve the general level of their play. Splitting this week's matches 1 -1, the girls improved their overall record to 3-1, while

keeping their league record untarnished at 2-0

On Saturday, the girls took on the very strong local team from Chelmsford. Katie Schellenberg '01 said of the game, "Although we had some good plays individually, the team really needed to work on consistency and communication. We came out cold. We had the ability to win but we just could not pull it together."

Schellenberg, in Saturday's game, had a team high of 8 kills and was one of the top defensive players on the team. She had a personal season high of 22 digs. On the whole, the team played very well defensively against an extremely hard hitting Chelmsford, and had a season high total of 118 digs. The teams split the first two games 3-15 and 15-7.

The third game was a battle with a lopsided

score of 15-8 in favor of Chelmsford. The fourth game was a quick victory for Chelmsford, who walked all over the girls in Blue 15-5.

The sole highlight of the game was a nice service run of five points, including one ace by Sydney Hardsock '01. Coach Clyde Beckwith was worried about the girls' ability to close out a match and not lose focus for an entire five set match, which requires a lot of physical and mental stamina.

After two days of workouts designed to push the girls to the limit and then beyond, the team was ready to take on North Reading High School's volleyball team. With little more knowledge of their opponents than that they had a 6-1 record in a very competitive league, the girls went into this match expecting to have to give it everything to win... which is exactly what happened.

"We should have beaten them and we did," said Vivian Huang '02. "It is all good."

In the first game, Andover came out very cold and quickly dropped to a six point deficit. With strong play, they gave North Reading a run for its money, but Reading ended up on top, 15-13.

The second game was much of the same and ended with an identical score of 15-13.

The girls found themselves in a must-win situation. Andover tightened up its game and started to play up to its potential. In a third game marked by a four-ace run from Captain Julie Papanek '01, the team pushed the match to a fourth game and kept their hopes alive. A combination of good play by Andover and some critical slips from Reading allowed Andover to quickly clean up the mess of the first two games and tie the match at 2 games a piece.

The final game, which is played under rally scoring, meaning every serve is a chance for either team to score a point, Andover completely dominated an already mentally defeated North Reading team and won the match 3-2, 13-15, 13-15, 15-10, 15-5, 15-5.

"It took us too long to beat them into the floor," said Hartsock of the game.

Papanek said of the team's play over the course of the week, "I am very glad that we had these two games at this point in the season. They served three main functions for our team. First they were a wake-up call that we need to play our best in every game to avoid what happened against Chelmsford and in the first two games against North Reading. Second, it was a time for us to focus on working as a group and playing as a unit in a game situation that was not



A. Tucker/The Phillipian

Top: Cindy Yee '01 bumps a ball over the net into the opposing court.
Bottom: Captain Julie Papanek '01 sets a ball for one of her teammates to spike.

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important to our league standing. Last, it was a time for us to re-focus on our long-term goal of winning the NEP-SAC championship. Looking ahead to

Saturday's game against Choate, I think that we will be mentally prepared to play the best volleyball that we are capable of."

Oct. 6



A. Tucker/The Phillipian

Christine Okike '01 blocks a shot during PA's come-from-behind win over a North Reading team that fell apart in the third game.

Volleyball Spikes N. Reading



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL FLOATS TO TWO MORE VICTORIES

LEAGUE RECORD PERFECT

Choate, Cushing Pose Little Challenge For Blue

by Colin Penley
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 3 |
| Choate | 1 |

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| Andover | 3 |
| Cushing | 0 |



With two wins this past week, the girl's volleyball team improved its overall record to 5-1 with a league record of 4-0.

On Saturday, after the long voyage to Choate, the girls played a good first game against a challenging Choate team. Coming on to the court warm and starting the game quickly has been one of the team's problems in the past, and, on Saturday, they managed to come out and take control of the game immediately. The girls played a great first game, amassing 11 kills and no hitting errors. They pulled out the first game 15-9.

In the second game Choate pulled everything together and our girls had some mental slip-ups, and Choate took control of the second game winning 15-10. Some minor shifts in defensive strategy and strong serving propelled the squad to a 15-6 win in the third game. In the fourth game Andover dominated a demoralized Choate team and quickly won 15-4. Katie Schellenberg '01 served incredibly well, serving for 21 points over the course of the match and 8 aces.

On Wednesday the team played a weak Cushing team. Coach Clyfe Beckwith put the starting team out on the court for the first game with a few changes. With Cindy Yee '01 out with an injury, Christine Okike '01 started in backrow and Mimi Hanley '04 got her first varsity start ever in the middle blocker position. The team utterly dominated the Penguins and blew them out of the water 15-0. Beckwith changed the line up for the second game, putting Devon Dickerson '04 in as setter and moving Vivian Huang '02 back to her old position of left-side hitter. Captain Julie Papanek '01 took over as the right-side hitter and got the chance to take part in the offense that she normally coordinates. Beckwith again changed up the line up and put people in all sorts of new positions. In the match, Libby Perkowski '01 saw her first backrow time of the season, and with the way that she and Okike are playing in the backrow the defensive specialists may soon be out of work. Okike was "proud of the way that the team played [Wednesday.] People played the new positions that they were put in well." Captain Papanek echoed her sentiment, saying, "I am very excited by the way everyone played. I have confidence that any combination of players can go on court together and put up a good fight against the top teams in the league."

VOLLEYBALL WINS TWO EASY GAMES; PLAYOFFS COMING

15-0 ROUT INDICATIVE

Squad Overcomes Lapses to Snare Both Matches

by Colin Penley
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 3 |
| Deerfield | 1 |

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| Andover | 3 |
| St. Paul's | 1 |



The girls' volleyball team had a superb week, winning two competitive league matches and improving their league record to 7-2.

Playing Deerfield on Saturday, the team did what most of the rest of the school did: dominated. The girls ran away with a lopsided 15-0 win in the first game. The next three games were much closer but Andover ended up on top, three games to one. With starting middle blocker Christine Okike '01 out for the week, junior Mimi Hanley once again had to step up and fill the middle of the court. Hanley did a great job this week, with many important blocks and kills against both Deerfield and St. Paul's.

On Wednesday the team traveled to take on the other Big Red, St. Paul's. The girls quickly found themselves looking at a 7-0 deficit in the first game. Captain Julie Papanek '01 took

matters in to her own hands. She powered out five consecutive points, in her best serving outing of the season, to bring Andover within two. A strong service run from Sydney Hartsock '01 two rotations later brought the score to 11-7 in Andover's favor. With consistent serving, the team finished out the first game 15-10.

SPS came storming back in the second game and snatched it from Andover, 15-11.

In the third game Andover again found themselves looking at a large deficit, and behind some more strong serving from Hartsock, the team managed to pull out the game 15-11.

The fourth game was a back-and-forth see-saw battle that Andover managed to steal away from SPS, 16-14. With their loss, SPS, a strong but inconsistent team, has lost all chances of making the tournament.

During the first game Libby Perkowski '01 had to sit out due to knee problems and Katie Schellenberg '01 and Hartsock had to step in and fill the middle blocker position. In that game and throughout the rest of the match, both did an incredible job in an unfamiliar position. Also, Cindy Yee '01 had to step up and play front row. Despite her somewhat diminutive size, Yee utterly dominated the SPS team. She hit around, over, and through their blocks, showing her true talent all over the court.

Captain Papanek said that she was "very excited by [Wednesday's] game. This was a great warm up for NMH on Friday."

The squad takes on Northfield Mount Hermon, one of the top teams in the league, at 6:00 p.m. this evening, hoping to avenge an earlier five-game loss.

Volleyball Gives Up Match to NMH; Exeter Becomes Critical

by Colin Penley
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| NMH | 3 |
| Andover | 2 |
| Andover | 3 |
| Worcester Academy | 0 |



This week was a difficult one for the girls' volleyball team. They had a tough 3-2 loss to NMH last Friday night for the second time this season.

Andover had a strong fan base out in the stands cheering on the Big Blue. The match was a wild see-sawing affair, with each team taking long runs of unanswered points. At one point in the match Andover served seven straight points, and then NMH answered back with six points on their next service. Reminiscent of the teams' first meeting of the season, Andover and NMH took the match into a fifth game, winning the first and third, but losing the second and fourth games.

Going into the 5th game both teams were pumped and ready to rumble. The last game tipped back and forth for a while until Andover had a slight slip-up in focus and allowed NMH to get a few extra points on their side of the scoreboard. At that late point in the match, NMH's 6-point lead was insurmountable for the Blue volleyball players.

They mounted a comeback attempt, but there simply was not enough time left in the match, and they lost the last game 15-11. The unfortunate loss yanked Andover's league record down to 7-3. With a definite playoff spot, the team now has to beat Exeter to be among the top four in the league and therefore have a better chance of homecourt advantage for the quarter-finals.

On Sunday, seniors Christine Okike, captain Julie Papanek, and Katie Schellenberg went down to Choate to compete in the all-star tournament. The competition divided the all-stars into four teams that played each other in a round robin style tournament. Papanek was on the winning team, under the direction of Coach Clyde Beckwith. But more importantly, all three of Andover's all-stars were voted on to the Boston Globe All-Star team. Also voted on to the squad were the three Exeter players and the three NMH players. It was a very good day for the girls volleyball program.

On Wednesday, the team played against a lesser team in Worcester Academy. Coach Beckwith used the match as time for the girls to get used to a new defensive stratagem. In addition to setting up to cover different places in the back court, he asked many players to try some new posi-

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Nov. 10

EASY WORCESTER WIN GIVES GIRLS PUSH FOR EXETER

MOMENTUM FOR TOURNEY

Seniors Papanek,
Schellenberg, Okike
Make Globe All-Stars

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tions and experimented with new combinations of players. Some of the players who haven't gotten too much play time through out the season had their chance to shine in the second-to-last game of the regular season. Mimi Hanley '04 and Devon Dickerson '04 both showed that the team has a strong future for the next three seasons, playing offensive middle and setter, respectively. Vivian Huang '02, Sarah Lau '02 and Kelsey Siepser '02, who started the season out with a knee injury and just recently returned to the team, played hard and played well.

"We went in to the game expecting a win, and we got it," commented defense player Cindy Yee '01. "It was a good chance for the underclassmen to get a feel for each other, especially since they haven't had much of a chance to play the courts together all season," she continued.

The team is looking to use the momentum created by this game to crush Exeter at 12:00 PM on Saturday.

Nov. 10



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Kelsey Siepser '02 bumps the ball to setup her teammates in Wednesday's momentum-building win over Worcester.

Volleyball Bows Out in Second Round as Exeter Claims Title

by Colin Penley
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

NMH
Andover

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This fall was a great season for the girls' volleyball team. They ended the season with a 8-5 league record (9-6 outside of the league) and all five of their losses came against just two teams. Though they didn't achieve their season goal of winning the NEPSAC tournament, they were one of the top few teams in the league and they had a lot of fun playing some great volleyball.

On Saturday the 18th of November, as the rest of the school made its way home for Thanksgiving break, the volleyball team headed to the gym and started to warm-up for the semi-final match of the New England tournament. The team faced NMH, a team that had beaten them twice in the regular season. But both of the losses were in five game matches, so the team was confident that they could upset the 2nd-seeded Lady Hoggars.

Unfortunately, they were not able to pull out the victory and NMH won in four games. On the other court, Exeter played the top-seeded Hotchkiss and demolished them in three quick games. (Andover hosted all semi-final and final matches.)

In the finals, NMH jump to a quick two game lead over a lackluster Exeter team. But then the Lady Hoggars got overconfident and stopped playing to their full potential. Exeter quickly capitalized and stormed back to tie the match at two games a piece, and then in the fifth game, Exeter came back from a substantial deficit for the second time in a week and won the New England Trophy. It was Exeter's fourth match in a row in Andover's gym and their fourth win.

The season on the whole was a great success for the girls' varsity volleyball team. The team really gelled and they played some great volleyball. Much of their success is due to the group of seniors that carried the team for the last few years.

Captain Julie Papanek, a four-year varsity player, led the team on and off the court both as captain and as setter. She controlled the team's transitions from defense to offense and ran the teams offensive strategy. She enabled the team to run combination plays to confuse the opposition's defense.

Katie Schellenberg and Sydney

Hartsock dominated the left side and damaged the court with their hard hit balls. Schellenberg, also a four year player, was all over the court all season. Her serve was hard, accurate, confusing and deadly to the other team's receivers. Her hits left many a player sprawled on the floor, and her passes set up many opportunities for the team to run a strong offensive attack. Hartsock, who started playing volleyball again in her lower year when she sat most of the season for the JV team, really matured as a volleyball player over her past two years on varsity. Her defensive positioning and passing accuracy are vastly improved, and when she gets a good set she can hit the ball as hard as anyone in the league.

Middle hitters Christine Okike and Libby Perkowski were dominant players on the court. Okike wowed the crowds of adoring fans with hard hits on the lines and well-placed dinks. When she needed to she also pasted the ball up to Julie with great accuracy. Perkowski was a wall at the net. She would sprint back and forth along the net, stuffing many balls back into the hitter's faces. Her block proved to be especially lethal against the hard-hitting Exies, who she shut down many times the teams two meeting.

Defensive specialist Cindy Yee and Camille Conley were an extremely important, and oft overlooked, part of the team. Yee was a great passer who was always getting the ball right up to Papanek's hands. She also proved herself to be a formidable hitter, both out of the front and back rows. Despite her less then giantess stature, Yee was a great option as an outside hitter and one of the most accurate and smartest tippers on the team. Conley was an important addition to the team form the JV team. She was never afraid to hit the floor and she saved many balls that look like kills by the other team. And when she got going she had a bomb of a serve the left other teams with stinging arms and astonished looks of fear plastered across their faces.

Next year the team will have plenty of talent from Vivian Huang '02, Sarah Lau '02, Kelsey Siepser '02, Mimi Hanley '04, Devon Dickerson '04 and many strong JV players, but they are going to be hard pressed to replace the talent lost with the seven graduation players.



Cindy Yee '01

*"She played with a keen awareness...
[and] hit the balls to the holes in
their defense."* —Captain Julie Papanek '01

by Diana Dosik
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

At last Saturday's Volleyball Tournament, three-year Varsity player Cindy Yee, "played her heart out like I've never seen anyone play before," enthused team Captain Julie Papanek. Yee's defensive skill on the baseline supported the offense from the back, driving the team to victory over both St. Paul's and Exeter. "She played with a keen awareness of the placement of the opponents on court which enabled her to strategically hit the ball to the holes in their defense," analyzed Papanek. "She acted like a smart and mature player who understood that hitting the ball as hard as you could at someone is not as effective as placing the ball in the empty spots." Clearly a seasoned and highly valued member of the Girls' Varsity Volleyball team, Cindy Yee is this week's Athlete of the Week.

Yee first stepped onto a court in the eighth grade, when she tried out for the JV volleyball team at the All Saints' Episcopal Day School in her hometown of Phoenix, Arizona. Up to that point, Cindy had been a serious gymnast, practicing twenty-seven hours each week, and trekking to weekend meets throughout the state. Overwhelmed by the gymnastic commitment, on top of annual piano competitions, young Cindy decided to find a less time-absorbing sport. She finished her first season starting for the JV volleyball team, but Cindy clearly recalls her initial humble days: "[the first time I ever played,] I just remember being really lost on the court. I'd step forward when someone said to step backward, backward when someone said to step forward." Yee's confusion soon dissolved, however, and later that year she joined a local club team, the North Canyon Juniors.

Although Cindy had always planned to follow her sister Kate, now 18 and pole-vaulter at Colorado State University, to North Canyon High School, she applied to Phillips Academy, Phillips Exeter, Hotchkiss, and Choate at the suggestion of her parents. A visit during the winter of 1996 was less than enticing—"it was about twenty below with the wind chill"—but she was won over by the friendly, open students and the lack of "stuffy rules." A second, more temperate visit clinched the deal and Cindy decided to leave her sunny southern home and attend Andover in the fall of 1997. Yee's decision to come was reinforced by the presence of two other ASEDS graduates, Mimi Tseng '98 and Cari Shiffman '00.

Yee jumpstarted her athletic career at Andover on now-departed Coach Susan Perry's JV Volleyball team. "Although I would have loved to have been on the varsity team, I'm really glad that I got to start off with JV because I learned a lot and got a nice transition into PA sports," commented Yee. Ready to dive into new adventures, Yee dabbled in JV2 squash and track, even lettering in winter track during her Lower year. Following in her sister's footsteps, she tried pole vaulting as well as the 50-yard dash. She also found time last spring to manage boys' volleyball. Cindy's interest in track had waned, especially as her schedule filled with new endeavors. Varsity volleyball under Head Coach Clyfe Beckwith has dominated Cindy's athletic slate for the past three years, and this year she is especially excited: "The team chemistry is great...we could take it all the way to the championships." Yee attributes this promising outlook to a deep returning team and a wonderful coach. "Clyfe is one of the best coaches I've ever had, and...he is very understanding."

As the backbone of the defense, Cindy Yee hopes to improve her accuracy and anticipation of the ball. She is also determined to perfect her setting, hitting, and vertical leap in the hopes of scoring some offensive playing time. Although the team lost two heartbreakers to Exeter at the end of last season, they see last Saturday's triumph as a harbinger of PA's increased strength.

Off the volleyball court, Cindy masters a whirlwind of extra-curricular activities, sweeping through athletics to community service. Building on her experience in the Breadloaf Writing Workshop, Habitat for Humanity, and the MLK Clothing Drive, Cindy has worked through the community service hierarchy to the position of co-head of Amnesty International, as well as co-coordinating Project VOICE. Yee began writing news for *The Phillipian* in the fall of her upper year, and has now ascended to the increased responsibility of News Editor. This busy girl also gives back to her home life by serving as proctor in Stevens East.

Although she is still unsure where she sees herself over the next four years, Cindy Yee is looking for a college with a prime location and opportunities to double major in the sciences and humanities, including Duke, Johns Hopkins, U. Chicago, Yale, MIT, Carnegie Mellon, and Northwestern on her list of perspectives. Although she would love to continue her involvement in volleyball, Andover's defensive specialist does not see herself bumping for another Varsity level team. "I have other interests that will probably make [the Varsity level] impossible." Cindy also adds, with a laugh, that her 5'2" stature would not pave the way for a career in professional volleyball. Volleyball's loss will surely be another occupation's gain as Cindy carries on.

Girls Volleyball Finishes 9-6, Spiked All But Exeter, NMH

by Colin Penley
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



This fall was a great season for the girl's volleyball team. They ended the season with an 8-5 league record.

"We had an amazing team this season," said Captain Julie Papanek '01. "In my four years, we have never had a team with such a depth and diversity of talents. We came together when it counted and played some really extraordinary volleyball."

The team had many exciting wins over the course of the season. Their five league losses came at the hands of Exeter and NMH, two very talented teams, and all five matches were hotly contested. The team had three Boston Globe Prep school all-stars, Captain Julie Papanek, Katie Schellenberg, and Christine Okike, all '01, and made the semi-finals in the NEPSAC tournament. Co-captain-elect Kelsey Siepser '02 said, "The team had a lot of potential this season, and we had some really great games, but unfortunately we didn't always manage to come out on top. I am looking forward

to next year."

Much of the team's success was due to a group of seniors that carried the team for the last few years. Captain Julie Papanek, a four-year varsity player, led the squad on and off the court, both as the captain and the setter. Katie Schellenberg and Sydney Hartsock dominated the left side and damaged the court with their hard hit balls. Schellenberg, also a four year player, boasted hard, accurate, confusing and deadly serves. Hartsock, really matured as a volleyball player over her two years on varsity, and looks to play at Middlebury next fall. Middle hitters Christine Okike and Libby Perkowski were dominant players on the court. Defensive specialists Cindy Yee and Camille Conley were extremely important parts of the team.

Next year the team will have plenty of talent from Vivian Huang '02, Sarah Lau '02, Kelsey Siepser '02, Mimi Hanley '04, Devon Dickerson '04, but they will be hard pressed to replace the lost talent. Co-captain-elect Huang said that the team had a great season and, despite the loss of so many seniors, she predicts great things for next year.



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Four-year Varsity player Katie Schellenberg goes up for a hit against Exeter.

SPORT: Water Polo - boys

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Greg Kimball

MANAGER:

COACH: Scott Hoenig,

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH: Paul Murphy

SEASON RECORD

WON 9 **LOST** 6 **TIED** 0

Letter Winners

Arguelles, Adam J.
Cashman, Michael J.
Cheung, Jason P.
Curtis, Cameron S.
Feeny, Eric C.
Green, Adam H.
Hill, Eugene D.

Kaufman, Bryce D.
Kimball, Gregory W. ©
Lo, Jonathan
Neuwirth, Benjamin J.
Noll, Daniel A.
So, Albert Y.
Thornton, Alexander V.

Water Polo Boys – Varsity

2000 – 2001

| No. | Name | Class | Hometown |
|-----|------------------------|-------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Arguelles, Adam J. | 2002 | Westford, MA |
| 4 | Cashman, Michael J. | 2002 | Andover, MA |
| 18 | Cheung, Jason P. | 2001 | Greenville House |
| 16 | Chung, Eric S. | 2003 | Andover, MA |
| 6 | Curtis, Cameron S. | 2003 | Pasadena, CA |
| 1a | Feeny, Eric | 2001 | Woodside, CA |
| 3a | Gage, William | 2003 | Stony Brook, NY |
| 13 | Green, Adam H. | 2001 | Katonah, NY |
| 9 | Hill, Eugene D. | 2003 | Prides Crossing, MA |
| 12 | Kalani, Lalit | 2003 | Mumbai Maharashtra, India |
| 17 | Kaufman, Bryce D. | 2003 | New Canaan, CT |
| 8 | Kimball, Gregory W. | 2001 | Methuen, MA |
| 15 | Liu, Charlie C. | 2001 | Wilmington, MA |
| 3 | Lo, Jonathan | 2002 | Manderly Garden |
| 11 | Maffione, James J. | 2002 | Alpharetta, GA |
| 2 | Neuwirth, Benjamin J. | 2002 | Ross, CA |
| 7 | Noll, Daniel A. | 2001 | Springfield, IL |
| 2a | Randt, Paull | 2004 | Hong Kong |
| 5 | So, Albert Y. | 2001 | Bradford, MA |
| 14 | Strobe, Aaron | 2004 | Dhahran, Saudi Arabia |
| 10 | Thornton, Alexander V. | 2001 | Houston, TX |
| 5a | Whalen, Peter | 2004 | San Juan Capo, CA |

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| Andover | 12 |
| Hopkins | 6 |

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| Andover | 5 |
| Loomis-Chaffee | 4 |

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| Exeter | 18 |
| Andover | 9 |



Following a successful pre-season and opening week of practice to the 2000 season the Andover boys' waterpolo team started their season in a

round-robin competition at Loomis. Andover began the tournament and their season, with an opener against Hopkins. In the first quarter Andover dominated by scoring three quick goals using their fast break offensive style. Jon Lo's '02 four fast break goals along with Captain Greg Kimbal '01 and Dan Noll's '01 defensive work kept Andover in front at the half with a score of 5-3. In the second half, Andover's goalie Adam Arguelles '02 stepped up, producing save after save and making it impossible for Hopkins to mount a comeback. In the fourth quarter the Loomis crowd became electric as Andover's cleanup crew entered the water. Michael Cashman '02, Bryce Kaufman '03, David Hill '03, Eric Feeny '01, and Alex Thornton '01 showed Head Coach



Sept. 22

D. Kurs/*The Phillipian*

Adam Green '00 swims in the pool with the polo ball during a contest last season, arching his wrist as he gauges a pass.

Scott Hoenig that they are an unappreciated but vital part of the team. Andover cruised to their first victory of the season 12-6.

Andover's real test was against a strong Loomis team that finished second at last year's Interschols. "This game is going to tell us a lot about our team this season," said Cashman, Andover's returning JV sensation. Andover came out with tough defense, led by Albert So '01, that did not allow for many shot opportunities or fast breaks. The first half ended 2-1 with Andover in the lead but unable to pull away from an impressive Loomis team. Late in the third quarter the momentum shifted to Andover as goalie Arguelles blocked a fast break attempt by two Loomis attackers. A four meter shot by Lo kept the lead in the third quarter as it ended with Andover holding on to a one goal advantage at 3-2. Ben Neuwirth '02 started off the fourth quarter with a pass into hole man Adam Green '01, resulting in a goal, as Andover began to build a lead over a tired Loomis defense. A controversial Loomis goal kept them close with two minutes left. Green drilled a shot into the corner that boosted Andover's confidence as the clock ran down. Eventually, persistent defense prevailed as Andover claimed their second victory of the day 5-4 against a team that beat the Blue by 12 goals only a year ago. At the end of the game coach Hoenig gave his thoughts on the game: "We played great defense and that made the difference." Andover showed that they have improved since last year and will be a threat at this year's Interscholastic Championship.

Last Wednesday the boys in Blue welcomed Exeter's varsity water polo team to Phillips Academy. The varsity game started off quickly with Exeter scoring a goal 30 seconds into the game, when Exeter's hole-set, Alex Gorski, got off a quick backhand shot on his defender, Dan Noll. The Big Blue responded, however, with Lo scoring on Andover's next possession. After scoring another quick goal, Exeter got a lucky advantage when Lo was ejected, enabling the Exies to score again, making it 3-1. By the end of the first quarter the score was 4-1, in favor of Exeter. After a huddle during the break in the periods, Andover came

out too aggressively, and Thornton and Lo both found themselves ejected. Fortunately, though, no goals were scored as a result of these man-up possessions by Exeter. About two minutes into the second quarter, Exeter went on a goal-scoring run, crushing any chance PA had of coming back. From that point until the end of the quarter, Exeter scored eight straight goals, including three each by Gorski and Exeter's star post-graduate player, Brian Mead, making it 12-1. Coach Scott Hoenig and captain Kimball talked with the players during half time and told them to not worry about the score, but about how they were playing. Rejuvenated by the pep talk, Andover came out and scored two goals, the first by Lo and the second by the hole-set man, Green. Despite the change of momentum, Exeter would not be swayed, and scored the next four goals, including one on an ejection of Andover's Neuwirth. Determined to not be pushed around, and spurred on by the crowds watching the game, Andover set up its offense and moved the ball around, finally resulting in Green's second goal, making it 15-4. By the end of the third quarter, however, the score was at 17-4, Exeter in the lead. The Red then came out in the fourth quarter, still strong, with Gorski scoring another goal; however, Andover pushed on, scoring five goals to finish off the game at 18-9. Unfortunately, one of Andover's lead scorers, Lo, with three goals, wasn't able to finish the game, picking up his third ejection in the final quarter, which forced him to leave the game. The other lead scorer for Andover was Green, also with three goals, followed by Albert So '01 with two and Noll with one. Goalie Arguelles played a very well considering the odds and had some spectacular saves that sparked cheering from the Andover crowd gathered to watch. Other praiseworthy players were captain Kimball, who helped out on defense, and Thornton, Hill, and Cameron Curtis '03, who came off the bench to help relieve the starters. Though some work is needed on their drives, Andover will be looking positively towards next week, when they will be facing Loomis-Chaffee, whom they beat in a close game last week 5-4.



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John Lo '00 is poised to shoot on goal during the Exeter match this past Wenesday. He is one of the seniors who will be leading the team this fall.

Boys Polo Splits Back-to-Back Matches vs. NMH & Suffield

by Alex Thornton
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 11 |
| NMH | 4 |

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| Suffield | 10 |
| Andover | 8 |



Last Saturday the Andover Boys Waterpolo team traveled to Northfield Mount Hermon for a double-header against NMH and Suffield.

The Andover team was at half strength due to the absence of starting hole man Adam Green '01, and three starters with injuries to their shooting hands. Andover's first game was against a weak NMH team that failed to make the interscholastic tournament last year.

The Blue came out strong with an opening fast break goal by Jon Lo '02 in the first few moments of the game. Throughout the game Andover dictated the tempo, using its fast-break offensive style to run up the score. In the second quarter the Blue continued to overpower NMH, with goals from captain Greg Kimbal '01 and replacement hole man, Alex Thornton '01. The half ended with Andover in a comfortable lead at 6-1.

The third quarter started with an unexpected goal from the NMH offense that woke up Andover's defense. Albert So '01 helped Andover offensively with three goals, including a penalty shot into the top right hand corner. Tough defense by Dave Hill '03 helped to hold NMH to two goals in three quarters.

The fourth quarter proved to be the most exciting as Andover's back up

squad closed out the game. Jason Cheung '01, and Mike Cashman '02 led the squad against a relentless NMH offense that managed to score three goals in the fourth. Trix, Stroble '04 had his first goal in the late minutes of the game as Andover got its fifth victory this season 11-4.

In its second game of the day, against Suffield, Andover came out with much of the same intensity that it showed in the first quarter of the game against NMH. Ben Neuwirth '02 scored a fast break goal in the opening of the first quarter that was later followed by another goal from Dan Noll '01. However, the fast and aggressive Suffield team managed to get both goals back by the end of the quarter. Andover was able to take the lead by a goal in the second quarter after Lo score two and Kimbal and Thornton each netted one.

In the second half of the game the Blue fell apart. Poor passing and movement on the offensive end of the pool led to many turnovers. An aggressive Suffield team muscled the smaller Andover team out of its usual fast break offense. Suffield's three easy goals in the third quarter gave the squad the lead entering the fourth quarter.

In the beginning of the fourth, Suffield was able to score two more goals before Andover could gain its composure. The Blue was able to get one goal back in the last two minutes on a fast break by Neuwirth, but was unable to mount a comeback. Suffield triumphed 8-10, giving Andover its second loss of the season and a 5-2 record overall. Andover hopes to redeem itself with a win over Choate this coming Saturday.

Boys Waterpolo Done in by Overpowering Choate Team

by Bryce Kaufman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Choate
Andover

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Last Saturday Andover Boys' Water Polo suffered a tough loss to Choate Rosemary Hall, 13-9, that showcased some of Big Blue's weak-

nesses and strengths. Unfortunately, it left Andover with a record of 4 wins and 3 losses. Andover came out slowly in the first quarter, which can perhaps be attributed to the three hour bus ride. Choate, ranked number 2 in the league prior to the game, had only one blemish on their record: an 8-4 loss to Exeter. Andover had also lost to Exeter, 18-9, but was confident that they could give Choate a good game.

Despite a goal by Albert So '01, Choate prevailed in the first quarter, and came out on top, 5 goals to 1. Frustrated by his team's lack of determination, Coach Scott Hoenig demanded a better effort and received it when Andover dominated the second quarter. Andover's first goal of the quarter came off a man-up situation when a Choate defender was ejected for 20 seconds for a major foul. Using their time wisely, Andover set up their man-up offense and used this to their advantage by quickly moving the ball around the perimeter. In doing so, Andover made the Choate players adjust their zone defense to the movement of the ball and the Choate goalie swim from goal post to goal post. After cycling through several hands, the ball was then lobbed into the middle from a wing-player. Adam Green '01 managed to get his hand on it, one-timing it into the goal past the despairing keeper. Andover's second goal of the quarter came off of a fast-break possession that ended up with the ball in the net from So's shot. At the end of the second quarter, Andover had taken control with 2 goals to Choate's 1, making the total score at halftime 6-3.

At the conclusion of halftime, both teams had gone through pep talks.

Choate came out rejuvenated and robbed the momentum, again scoring 5 goals to Andover's 1. "A lack of awareness really killed us that quarter," said Coach Hoenig afterwards. "Twice we had possession of the ball on offense and a trailing Choate player came up behind and stole the ball right from our hands. We need to work on being heads-up for the entire game." So, at the end of the 3rd quarter the score sat at 11-4, with Ben Neuwirth '02 scoring Andover's lone goal. "We usually come out as underdogs, but we fight back all the way until the last second, and that has helped us several times to come back and beat teams, like we did when we played Loomis-Chaffee," noted captain Greg Kimball '01. Coach Hoenig again berated his team for lack of performance and, once again, Andover responded favorably, though, as substitute David Hill '03 put it "It was just was too late to overcome those 1st and 3rd quarter deficits."

Andover did go on a goal-spree; however, was helped by numerous fast-break opportunities and a few man-up advantages that allowed Green to score 3 more goals and for Kimball and sprinter Jonathon Lo '02 to each find the back of the cage. Choate, though stunned by Andover's outburst, still managed to score 2 goals. "We will really come out fired up that last quarter because we knew we had nothing to lose," said Lo afterwards. At the end of the 4th quarter, when the final horn sounded, the score stood at Choate 13, Andover 9. Though his feats go mostly unnoticed, goalie Adam Arguelles '02 made some incredible saves and helped to keep his team focused in the game.

Andover now looks forward to Williston-Northampton on Saturday October 14th at home. "I don't know how they are this year, but I'm guessing they're about our level, which will make for a good game," said Coach Hoenig. Andover, seeking revenge, will see action against Choate twice more this season.

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Albert So '01 puts intense pressure on a Choate offender during Andover's 9-13 defeat.

A Precise, Pressure Defense Still the Catalyst for Boys Waterpolo Squad

NCL 3

by Bryce Kaufman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 10 |
| Deerfield | 7 |
| Exeter | 19 |
| Andover | 1 |



Last Saturday, Andover Boys Water Polo won a much-needed game against Deerfield, 10-7. Though they had the home advantage,

Andover started slowly, letting Deerfield take the lead 1-0 in the beginning of the game. The Big Blue eventually found its rhythm, however, and managed to fight back with a goal each by Adam Green 01 and Jon Lo 02.

At the beginning of the second quarter, Andover put its aggressive defense to the test and allowed Deerfield to take mere desperation shots as the shot clock wound down. Though Deerfield managed to score two goals, one on a man-up advantage due to an Andover player's ejection and another on a freak shot that slipped past goalie Adam Arguelles 02, Andover wouldn't bow down.

The Big Blue matched Deerfield, scoring three goals, making the score 5-4. The third quarter again showcased Andover's defense, as substitute David Hill 03 stole the ball away from a Deerfield player and intercepted a low pass while playing man-down defense. Deerfield scored one goal on a fast-break down the pool, when, despite Andover's best

efforts, a Deerfield player put the ball past Arguelles. Andover continued its run, with Lo and Green again scoring two goals; the score stood at 7-5. Andover's press made Deerfield continually turnover the ball, and helped to put three more goals on the board.

We really shut them down today; the only real goals they got were either on a man-up advantage or on a hail-Mary shot that was lucky. Also, we needed that win to help us for the Final 8 Tournament bracket and improve our record, stated Coach Scott Hoenig. After the varsity game, JV Water Polo wrecked Deerfield's JV squad, 16-1, improving its record to 2-2.

On Wednesday, Andover faced an experienced Exeter team stocked with two postgraduate players. Despite a valiant effort, the boys fell 19-1.

The game was hard, and we didn't come out on top, but I think we really learned a lot from a team like this, mentioned Coach Hoenig. Exeter, with a vocal home crowd, leapt off to a 7-0 start in the 1st quarter, while Andover seemed heavy and unaggressive in the water. After taking a time-out to talk to his players, Coach Hoenig told his boys to get their heads into the game, which they did in the second quarter, holding Exeter to four goals while getting its lone point from Daniel Noll 01. The Exeter machine rolled on, however, stealing five goals in the third quarter and three more in the fourth quarter, despite some miraculous saves by Arguelles. Exeter also took advantage of numerous man-up advantages and

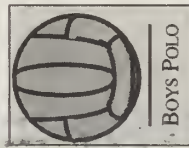
two four-meter penalty shots.

They used a slough defense that took us some time to get used to, and when we did, we didn't capitalize as much as we should have, said Captain Greg Kimball 01. Bad passes and other errors, such as not seeing our man leaving his defensive position, really hurt us, commented Green. PA will now look to a round robin with Choate and Deerfield on Saturday.

Dubious Judging Gives Choate a Last-Minute, One-Goal Win Over PA

by Bryce Kaufman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 7 |
| Deerfield | 4 |
| Andover | 8 |
| Choate | 7 |



Last Saturday, Andover Boys Water Polo traveled to Choate Rosemary Hall for a tri-meet against Deerfield and Choate. They came away with a much-needed victory against Deerfield, 7-4 and a tough loss to Choate, 8-7, in the waning seconds.

The Big Blue played Deerfield first, feeling confident that they could beat the green squad once again, and thereby secure a competitive spot in the Final Eight Tournament. A long bus ride resulted in a slow start for Andover, letting its defense slip as Deerfield scored the first point and

held the lead entering the 2nd quarter, 1-0. Captain Greg Kimball '01 demanded that his teammates "get their heads into the game," and the Blue responded accordingly, dominating the next quarter with goals by Jon Lo '02, Adam Green '01, and Albert So '01. When the halftime buzzer sounded, the score stood at 3-1 with Andover securely in the lead.

Deerfield wouldn't give up, however, and fought back, scoring a goal on a man-up advantage that evaded the grasp of goalie Adam Arguelles '02, who had several saves and continually setting up teammates on fast breaks. Kimball aided the Andover cause, as did Green once again, and at the end of the 3rd quarter, the score was 5-2.

Coach Scott Hoenig then began utilizing his substitutes at the start of the 4th quarter in order to give his starters a rest for the next game. David Hill '03, Alex Thornton '01, and Cameron Curtis '03 all entered the game, playing supportive roles that continued Andover's supremacy. Deerfield made

a short run in the middle of the 4th quarter, scoring two more goals; PA matched them, however, also scoring two. As the final seconds ticked down, Blue had again come away with a victory against Deerfield, this time 7-4.

Afterward, Andover prepared to face Choate, which is currently ranked 2nd in the league. Andover had lost to Choate 13-9 earlier in the season, undoubtedly looking to enact retribution. The Big Blue, warmed up by the Deerfield game, stung first, surprising Choate with a fast-break goal by Lo.

"They were expecting a game similar to our previous one, but we came out prepared," said Coach Hoenig. "We played a good heads-up game, and made sure we always knew where our man was."

The game seasawed between both teams until, at the end of the 1st quarter, the game was tied at 3-3, with the second and third goals by Green and So. Choate came out rejuvenated at the beginning of the 2nd quarter, unfortunately Andover's defense continued to stifle their offense, and Andover took the lead at the end of the 2nd quarter, 5-3, completely shutting down Choate.

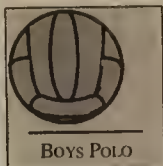
Halftime allowed both teams a breather and time to readjust their strategies. Seeing some of his players tiring, Coach Hoenig again looked to his bench to help out, which they did,

continuing Andover's 'no-sloUGH' defense. Unfortunately, Choate got several advantages with ejections of Andover players, and was able to run a string of three straight goals. Andover managed to halt the run with another goal by Lo, and at the end of the 3rd quarter, Andover and Choate were tied yet again, 6-6. As an increasingly vocal crowd backed Choate, the 4th quarter started as another battle, with Choate taking the lead 7-6, only to have Andover battle back to 7-7. With 1 minute and 20 seconds left in the game, Choate received the ball, and set-up its offense. Though Andover placed a good deal of pressure, Choate player managed to get off a lucky shot on goal that careened off the fingertips of Arguelles. Seeing that it hadn't fully touched the back of the net, which would rule it a goal, Arguelles pulled it quickly out of the goal and prepared to fire off a pass down the pool. A Choate player fouled Arguelles, and time was stopped. The referee then looked at the line-judge, a Choate student, to see if it had been ruled a goal. The student looked up surprised, then nodded yes quickly, which the referee then gave to Choate. Though there were still 20 seconds left, Andover was unable to get a shot off, and a hard fought game ended 8-7.

During this week, Andover received the ranking of 7th out of 8 in the final tournament. Though initially angered at this low ranking, Big Blue is now pleased, for it means that they will be given the chance to play Choate, who has the 2nd seed, again. "If we beat Choate, that'll mean the lowest we can get is 4th. That's a big 'if', however," said Coach Hoenig.

Boys Water Polo Takes Fifth Place at Final-Eight Tournament Lo, So, and Green Earn Spots on All-Conference Second Team

by Bryce Kaufman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Andover Boys' Water Polo capped off a successful season last November with a fifth-place finish at the Final-Eight

Tournament. Big Blue posted a final overall record of 11-7, including two non-conference wins, and the team netted eighty-eight goals over the eighteen games played.

Andover's first challenge was a three-team tourney featuring Andover, the Hopkins School, and Loomis Chaffee. Andover's first game, against Hopkins, provided a revealing glimpse into the type of team Big Blue would field in upcoming competitions. Facing the less-talented Hopkins squad, Andover showcased their fast-break offense, taking the lead at half-time, 5-3, then increasing the level of play until the end of the game, with a final score of 12-6. Goalie Adam Arguelles '02 was magnificent, blocking multiple shots and not giving Hopkins the chance for a comeback victory.

After the Hopkins game, there loomed the contest with Loomis. An experienced and deep team that had placed second the year before in the Final-Eight Tournament, Loomis was an opponent with whom Andover could not just relax and count on a clear-cut victory. Defense, one of Andover's strengths, was the key factor in the game, and the two teams battled it out until Big Blue came out on top, 5-4, weary but victorious.

Next up was the showdown between Andover and the evil foe, Exeter. Unfortunately, despite having a sizable home crowd to cheer them on, the Boys' Water Polo team was not able to muster the power to counter Exeter's players. Coach Scott Hoenig did not concentrate solely on final the score, however, and he was pleased at the effort that Andover displayed despite losing a difficult match, 18-9.

The next Saturday, Andover had to travel back again to Loomis' home pool for a rematch of the previous, hard-fought win. A vocal Loomis crowd backed the home team, and riding this momentum, Loomis took the lead, 3-1, after the first quarter. A more concentrated effort in the second quarter allowed Andover to eventually tie the game up, permitting Loomis only one goal in the quarter, and making the score at half-time 4-3. In the third quarter, Jon Lo '02 took charge and scored a goal on a man-up, evening the score, followed by a brilliant pass-and-shot one-timer from captain Greg Kimball '01 to Dan Noll '01. The crowd was now strangely silent, and stayed that way as Big Blue again scored, ending the game with a sweet 6-4 victory.

A double-header against Northfield-Mount Hermon and Suffield Academy displayed both Andover's talents and faults. The Blue handled NMH, 11-4, but because of poor passing and numerous turnovers, a talented Suffield team was able to outplay Big Blue, and win a close game, 10-8. Andover climbed out of the pool with a 5-2 record.

The long bus-ride to Choate Rosemary Hall affected Andover in its next competition. The Water Polo team got off to a slow and sluggish start, falling behind 5-1 in the first quarter. Coach Hoenig berated his polo players for their unfocused effort, and Andover worked harder, chipping away at the opponent's lead. The Big Blue ended the first half down 6-3, closing the deficit. Choate, not to be done in, came out just as strongly after the break as in the first quarter, making the score 11-4 after the third quarter. Though PA made a huge effort in the last quarter, it was too little, too late, and Big Blue ended up losing, 13-9.

An unusual and tragic foul lost the Williston North-Hampton game for Andover. Starting goalie Arguelles suffered a questionable whistle in the waning seconds of regulation time, allowing Williston to tie the game up in the final twenty sec-

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onds and forcing the game into overtime. Andover, tired and without their starting goalie, was bulldozed by the fast breaks coming from Williston during the overtime. Replacement goalie Eric Feeny '01 did very well considering the circumstances, and stopped several shots. The final score was 16-11, in favor of Williston.

Andover continued its winning record, dismantling and sinking an unprepared NMH team for a second time with an even greater margin of victory and a final score of 23-3. Substitutes were given time to expand their skills and experience and did not let up on the intense pace set by the starters.

A solid and much-needed triumph against Deerfield occurred the next Saturday with the team grinding out a 10-7 victory. Unfortunately, the next Wednesday Andover had to travel to Exeter to endure another tough loss, 19-1, to a deadly Exeter team.

The second match-up against Deerfield was even tighter, with Andover just squeezing out a 7-4 victory, due in part to the impressive defense by Kimball and skilled support from Adam Green '01, Lo, and Albert So '01. Warmed up after the Deerfield game, the Big Blue faced Choate, still tasting the bitter defeat they had suffered at their hands earlier in the season. Andover came out quickly, taking the advantage at the beginning, but the game turned into a back-and-forth battle of possession, leaving the score at the end of the third quarter tied up at 6 apiece. Choate scored first in the fourth quarter, with Andover answering right after with a goal of its own, tying up the score yet again. A dubious goal-call by a Choate student standing in as a goal judge allowed Choate to tip-toe out of defeat with a score of 8-7. Though a disappointing loss, Coach Hoenig was pleased with the tenacity that Andover displayed and the persistent effort shown.

Initially disgruntled by the seventh seed position they had received for the final tournament, the Big Blue viewed the second seed, Choate, with relish. They would play Choate first,

giving Big Blue another chance to dethrone Choate in the Final-Eight Tournament. The match followed virtually the same script as did the previous contest, though at some points Andover had to battle back from deficits.

After gritty, physical play, regulation time ended with the score at 6-6. An initial goal in the first overtime by Lo raised Andover's hopes of victory, but Choate managed to also find the back of the net, sending the game into the dreaded sudden-death elimination second overtime. Choate hit the goal once again, and suddenly Andover's Cinderella run was over. The game ended with a disappointing final score of 8-7. Frustrated, Andover got itself back together to battle, in the loser's bracket, with Hotchkiss, against whom they had not played in the regular season.

Hotchkiss's predilection for rough play surprised Andover at the

beginning of the game, but Big Blue found its groove and soared to a 10-6 win. A breezy win against Hopkins, 16-4, secured Andover's fifth place spot in the tournament, while Choate went on to beat Loomis and then fall to Exeter in the final, 19-2. In many spectators' minds, there was no doubt that Andover could just as easily have been in that final game, as Arguelles, Lo, So, and Green all made the all-conference second team. During the course of the season, Lo scored the most goals for Andover, with 56, followed by Green, who had 49 goals. So had the third-highest total, with 31 goals notched.

All in all, though they suffered a disappointing loss in the first round of the tournament. Their record proved successful, and hopefully next year the Blue can raise the bar, despite the loss of seniors Green and So as well as Coach Hoenig.



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Waterpolo Goalie Adam Arguelles '02 clears the ball down the pool in a disappointing loss against Choate.

SPORT: Water Polo - girls

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Kerry O'Connor

MANAGER:

COACH: Loring Strudwick

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH: Elizabeth Idzik

SEASON RECORD

WON 8 **LOST** 0 **TIED** 0

Letter Winners

Anderson, Katherine A.
Bartlett, Katherine M.
Benn, Anneka K.
Blitzer, Margaret C.
Cowan, Sophie M.
Ferranti, Sarah V.
Foster, Ashley F.
Freas, Sydney J.
Frischkorn, Virginia T.

Heilweil, Jessica S.
Lind, Caroline M.
Murphy, Devin J.
Nickerson, Lauren A.
O'Connor, Kerry
Schroeder, Holly A.
Thornton, Emily R.
Walker, Kimberly A.
Williams, Lindsey K.

Water Polo Girls – Varsity

2000 – 2001

| No. | Name | Class | Hometown |
|-----|-------------------------|-------|---------------------|
| 14 | Anderson, Katherine A. | 2003 | Orinda, CA |
| 1 | Bartlett, Katherine M. | 2001 | Rancho Sante Fe, CA |
| 12 | Benn, Anneka K. | 2002 | Hanover, NH |
| 8 | Blitzer, Margaret C. | 2001 | Durham, NH |
| 7 | Cowan, Sophie M. | 2001 | Andover, MA |
| 2 | Ferranti, Sarah V. | 2001 | Andover, MA |
| 4 | Foster, Ashley F. | 2001 | Danville, NH |
| 9 | Freas, Sydney J. | 2001 | Honolulu, HI |
| 1a | Frischkorn, Virginia T. | 2002 | Charlottesville, VA |
| 5 | Heilweil, Jessica S. | 2001 | Atlanta, GA |
| 6 | Lind, Caroline M. | 2002 | Greensboro, NC |
| 13 | Murphy, Devin J. | 2001 | Minot, ME |
| 18 | Nickerson, Lauren A. | 2002 | Ipswich, MA |
| 10 | O'Connor, Kerryn | 2001 | Andover, MA |
| 16 | Saraidaridis, Julia T. | 2001 | Reading, MA |
| 17 | Walker, Kimberly A. | 2003 | Marblehead, MA |
| 11 | Weiner, Rachel E. | 2001 | Andover, MA |

Girls Waterpolo

by Kate Bartlett and Meg Blitzer
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Andover
Loomis-Chaffee

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Tensions were high as the defending New England champion and the 1999 runner-up met last Saturday for the first girls' water polo game of the 2000 season. Andover's starters jumped into the water ready to face the Loomis Pelicans.

Devin Murphy '01 won the sprint for the ball, leading Andover off to a great start. Caroline Lind '02 had a quick shot from hole, scoring the first goal of the season, and her first of four in the game. Sarah Ferranti '01 played great defense throughout the game, having more steals than any other Andover player.

Captain Terry O'Connor '01 also had a solid game, contributing three points to the Blue's score. Sophie Cowan '01 played a wonderful game, scoring twice and adding to Andover's momentum.

The Blue's starter in goal, Kate Bartlett '01 had a fabulous game, notching eleven saves, an incredible tally, especially when compared to the meager three saves that the Loomis goaltender had. She also had some great outlet passes leading to some fast break goals, two of which were scored by Sydney Freas '01. Meg Blitzer '01 also had a good game, notching five goals and three assists.

Great plays were also made by Ashley Foster '01, Emily Thornton '01, Jess Heilweil '01, Lauren Nickerson '02, Kim Walker '03, and Abbe Anderson '03. The Big Blue dominated from beginning to end, finishing with an 11-point lead, 17-6... all of this over last year's second best team.

The Andover girls form a powerful team looking forward to another great season. The girls head off to Loomis tomorrow hoping for similar results.

Floats to Easy Blowout of Rival



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Meg Blitzer '01 defends her opponent with tenacity and perseverance during a game last week, ultimately jarring the ball loose and sparking an Andover rally.

Eleven Goals in Seven Minutes Propel Girls Polo Past NMH

by Kate Bartlett and Meg Blitzer

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Andover
NMH

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The undefeated girl's water polo team continued its winning streak with a 25-6 victory over the NMH Hoggers. "The NMH girls never stood a

chance; our girls were superior in every way. From the beginning the Andover girls dominated the pool," stated avid fan, Charlie Alovesetti '01.

The Big Blue took the pool by storm and continued to dominate throughout the first quarter, resulting in an 11-0 score after the first seven minutes of play. This first quarter shut out was due not only to superior defensive play by the veteran starters but also to a great job in the cage by first-rate goalie Kate Bartlett '01. Abbe Anderson '03 scored her first goal of the season and, without even having a chance to catch her breath, stole the ball right afterwards and shot another past the unsuspecting goalie. Emily Thornton '01 did a great job during her first time setting hole, even powering a shot into the net before the end of the first quarter. With an assist from Thornton, Sydney Freas '01 scored on a drive. On another stellar play, captain Kerryn O'Conner '01 out-swam defending Hoggers, ready for an outlet pass from Bartlett. The ball quickly found its way into the upper right hand corner. At the end of the first quarter Meg Blitzer '01 drew a four-meter penalty shot. When the whistle blew she smashed the ball into the lower left-hand corner of the cage.

After a quick break the Big Blue took to the water again and the score continued to climb. Right off the bat Kim Walker '03 shot the ball directly under the NMH's goalie's arm.

However, up and coming Walker was unsatisfied with just one goal, and preceded to score two more during the remainder of the game. After twelve unanswered points the Hoggers rallied together scoring their first goal of the game. PA quickly countered, and Anneka Benn '02 earned her first goal of the season. As time was winding down in the first half, Devin Murphy '01 faked-out the goalie for the Blue's 17th point of the game.

The Andover girls were revved up for the second half and Caroline Lind '02 scored the first of three goals in an elaborate backhand to start off the third quarter. Scoring twice in the third quarter, Ashley Foster '01 kept the Big Blue's momentum going strong. Showing great determination, Virginia Frischkorn '02 played a great second half in cage. Contributing to the Blue's strong defense were Jessica Heilweil '01, Frannie Richie '01, Lauren Nickerson '01, Mari Ono '03, Christina Chang '01 and Jane Anderson '03.

Throughout the final quarter of the game, the Andover girls continued to stay focused. Blitzer scored twice, raising her goal total for the game to an impressive 7. Foster notched another goal as well with only a few minutes to go. "The game was a great experience, we were able to play some of our newer players, which was a wonderful opportunity for them, and help these players get a feel for the game," said Coach Loring Strudwick

There has been a heightened intensity at practices this week as the girls prepare for their Friday night game against the experienced Deerfield squad. Come support the girls as they try to keep their winning streak alive, Friday, "Under the Lights," at 6:00 pm.

Oct 6





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Sarah Ferranti '01 looks to pass up-pool in Friday night's win over Deerfield.

Just Another Day at the Pool: Girls Polo Drowns Deerfield

by Kate Bartlett and Meg Blitzer

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| Andover | 14 |
| Deerfield | 5 |



The Andover girl's water polo team was excited at another chance to strut their stuff last Friday night when they jumped in the pool to face the often-powerful Deerfield team. A 14-5 win over the Big Green continued the undefeated streak the girls have built up this season.

The game started with a bang as Caroline Lind '02 scored from a sweep shot at two meters. The starters were playing well together and kept the momentum going throughout the quarter with strong defense and multiple steals, which set up multiple fast-break goals.

A point from Sophie Cowan '01 right away had the team pumped for great second quarter. The Big Blue had their highest scoring quarter in these seven minutes, with a total of seven balls reaching the netting. Goals came from Lind, Cowan, Meg Blitzer '01, and Sydney Freas '01. The Andover defense continued to be strong, effectively shutting down the majority of Deerfield's play attempts.

The third quarter gave many novice Andover players a chance to gain more playing experience. Energy at the pool continued to be high with the help of some Blue Key Heads leading the crowd in some lively cheers. Starting goalie Kate Bartlett '01 had a great game with 10 saves, including a spectacular sequence coming late in the third quarter when Deerfield had a breakaway and Bartlett successfully blocked the ball, once with her face, from entering the cage three times in a row. Also at the end of the third quarter the Deerfield captain was given a controversial penalty shot, shortly before getting ejected from the game.

The fourth quarter brought some great plays from the mostly novice field. Lauren Nickerson '02 scored twice. Powerful defense came from Holly Schroder '02, Jane Anderson '03, Tracy Zicherman '03 and Kim Walker '03. Virginia Frischhorn '02 had a great fourth quarter in the cage, even successfully defending the goal from a four meter penalty shot. Strong communication and leadership came from veteran players Devin Murphy '01, Sarah Ferranti '01, Freas, Cowan and Blitzer.

Tomorrow, the Big Blue again faces Deerfield.

Just Like All the Rest: Deerfield, Like League, Owned by Girls Polo

by Meg Blitzer

PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover
Deerfield

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The Andover girls maintained their undefeated record with a 9-3 victory over Deerfield last Saturday. The Blue team was in particularly high spirits, with lots of parents and fans in the crowd. The game started off with a boom.

Captain Kerryn O'Conner '01 scored off a fast break within the first minute of play. Caroline Lind '02 scored twice in the first quarter. She was setting hole and was able to completely overpower the Deerfield hole-defender. Towards the end of the first quarter Meg Blitzer '01 scored her first goal of the game. It was an impressive goal, taken from half

court, that blew right past the surprised Deerfield goalie. The buzzer sounded at the end of the first quarter with the Big Blue up 6-0.

Taking advantage of the six-point lead, coach Strudwick played some of the younger members of the team. She kept captain O'Conner and Blitzer in the water to communicate with the newer girls. Abbe Anderson '03, Jane Anderson '03, Lindsay Williams '02, and Anneka Benn '02 were able to keep the Green from scoring all quarter. Starters Sarah Ferranti '01, Sophie Cowan '01, and Devin Murphy '01 were rotated back in for O'Conner and Blitzer to keep the team cohesive. They played excellent defense, helping goalie Kate Bartlett '01 shut out the Green for the first half of the game. Also during this quarter, Blitzer scored her second goal off of a fast break.

Virginia Frishkorn '02 stepped into goal at the beginning of the third quarter. She played very well, allowing only one goal to slip past her. Sydney Freas '01 had her first goal of the game midway through the quarter. She and fellow veterans Ashley Foster '01 and Emily Thornton '01 held the game together and kept the Big Blue motivated. Kim Walker '03 also played an excellent quarter with strong defense.

During the final quarter Thornton scored her second point of the game from hole, assisted by Lauren Nickerson '02. Frannie Richie '01 played a good quarter. Sydney Freas scored her second goal at the end of the last quarter making the final score of the game 9-3.

This weekend the Big Blue plays its last home game of the season against Williston North Hampton.

Final Match a Formality as Girls Polo Heads to Tourney

by Kate Bartlett and Meg Blitzer

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

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| Andover | 21 |
| Williston | 6 |

Last Saturday the undefeated girls' water polo team prepared for its final regular season game of the season. The girls were up against a Williston North Hampton team which fought hard at the beginning of the game, but whose stamina could not keep up with a continuous Blue attack. The result: a 21-6 final score and a perfect regular season record for the PA squad.

The Andover girls took to the water starting seven of their twelve seniors. Williston gave it their all during the first quarter, keeping the score relatively close. The Big Blue had to focus and keep their heads in the game to work the ball around into the goal. Captain Kerryn O'Connor '01 scored off a drive, getting the Blue's momentum going. Caroline Lind '02 scored from hole set at the end of the first quarter off a powerful sweep shot. In the final minute of the first quarter Ashley Foster '01 stole the ball in PA's defensive end and sprinted to the other end of the pool, slamming the ball past the Williston goalkeeper. Andover led at the end of the first quarter but would need to pull things together a bit to play up to its usual high standards.

It was in the second quarter that the Phillips girls got their game faces on and went to work. The Big Blue was going strong, outplaying the Williston team both offensively and defensively. Sarah Ferranti '01 had a great quarter, sinking a great shot on a man-up situation which

whizzed past the Williston goalie into the bottom right corner. Anneka Benn '02 also had a fabulous goal off a fast break assisted by Abbe Anderson '03.

Throughout the third quarter many novice team members saw playing time. Jane Anderson '03 and Kate Page '04 played strongly, both having the stamina needed to continue PA's fast-break style of play. Caroline "Boo" Littlefield '03 in her first ever goalkeeper experience played wonderfully. She only allowed one ball to pass, blocking several. The girls stayed strong defensively. Sophie Cowan '01 had a great shot off a drive, slamming the ball to the high left corner, out of reach of the Williston goalie. Kim Walker '03 also had a great shot from the wing position, finding the lower right corner of the cage before the Williston goalie could react.

The fourth quarter saw the return of the senior starters O'Connor, Cowan, Ferranti, Murphy, Thornton, Blitzer and Bartlett. Bartlett had an amazing fourth quarter, completely shutting out the Williston offensive attacks. She also had some great outlet passes, leading often times to fast break goals from both O'Connor and Blitzer. O'Connor, after receiving a pass from Blitzer on a 2-on-1 situation, shot the ball past the unsuspecting goalie.

The Big Blue finished their regular season with a perfect record. As the rest of the Phillips Academy community prepares for the Exie invasion tomorrow, the waterpolo girls will be preparing for their interscholastic championships at Loomis Chaffee, with hopes of defending last year's title.

Nov. 10

Meg Blitzer - Waterpolo

by Pat Linnemann
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

If you have ever ventured to the pool to watch a water polo match-up in the past four years, you might have noticed Meg Blitzer '01 dominating the game. Hailing from Durham, New Hampshire, Meg's hard work and devotion to the sport has earned her the honors of Athlete of the Term.

Although Meg had never played water polo competitively until her arrival at Andover, the pool was not anything new for her. In fact, Meg started swimming at the young age of four where she swam competitively for the Oyster River Otters, a regional club team. She continued her dominance in the pool through the eighth grade, when she began looking to attend boarding schools. Her brother, Jay Blitzer '99 who was also on the boy's water polo team, was already at Andover. The choice between Andover and Exeter was simple especially since Exeter did not have a water polo team.

Meg's presence was felt as soon as she arrived at Andover. The decision to pursue water polo was natural since her brother played and Anne Bartlett '98 and Mel Lind '98 both of Meg's parents in Nathan Hale were also water polo standouts. As a ninth grader on the

squad, Meg contributed to the team's undefeated record and a NEPSAC championship, only a hint of what was in store for the Big Blue. In the following season, Andover compiled a winning record but hopes fell short of a repeat performance in the championships. Meg Blitzer's high school career was beginning to heat up.

In the fall of her upper year, Meg led the team to its second undefeated season in three years. Her hard work paid off as she was named the MVP of the team, New England MVP, the New England all tournament first team, and was named to the elite Boston Globe All-Scholastic team. Still improving, her senior year rolled around and as captain of the team, Meg was excited about Andover's strengths and had high hopes entering the season. "We returned every member of the team except for two. Our strong team in 2000 was a result of the team's experience, depth, and dedication." Indeed, the team did finish off the season undefeated and earned yet another championship as Meg led the team in scoring.

Meg's own teammates can only praise her for her achievements over the past four years on the team. Ashley Foster '01 commented on her teammate saying, "Meg is one of the most versatile players in the pool. Her ability to create scoring opportunities as well as

providing strong defense is incredible." Andover's goalie Kate Bartlett '01 also adds to Meg's praise remarking, "Meg has amazing leadership qualities that, when paired with her extensive knowledge of the game, provides a strong backbone for the team." More honors were soon to follow as Meg took home a second New England MVP, New England All-Tournament first team, Boston Globe All-Scholastic and, in addition, was awarded a trophy for outstanding achievements by her Head Coach Loring Strudwick.

Each year as fall concludes Meg begins her swimming season where she continues to demonstrate her pool prowess. In the springtime, Meg participates in crew, another sport that Meg started after arriving at Andover. This year marks the last in which Meg will compete in the blue swimming pool. Next year the team will definitely feel the loss of this four-year veteran. "Hopefully, however, her work ethic and intensity in the pool will carry over to next years players," adds Bartlett. Meg plans to continue water polo into college where she will probably focus her training solely on water polo. Although her future is still undecided, one thing is sure, success will follow Meg and her team wherever the road ahead takes her.



GIRLS WATERPOLO DEFEATS LOOMIS IN TOURNEY PLAY

FOURTH TITLE IN FIVE YEARS

Team Caps Undeclared Season with NE Championship

by Kate Bartlett and Meg Blitzer
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Three undefeated seasons. Three New England Championships. Just two losses in four years. Such was the tenure of the nine four-

year seniors on Andover girl's water polo team. This year's team continued an Andover legacy; the team has won the New England Tournament four out of the last five years.

From the start, the Andover girls dominated the pool. Coaches Lording Strudwick and Elizabeth Idzik trained the unusually large squad, getting ready for a season filled with great plays and tremendous spirit. Centered around a large group of experienced seniors, the team arrived for pre season in September having graduated only two starters. The PA girls were ready to defend their New England title and make their mark on the New England Prep School Water Polo League.

The first game of the season was against last year's New England runner-up, Loomis Chaffee. Led by Captain Kerryn O'Connor '01, it was immediately evident that the girls headed for yet another winning season.

Game after game, the girls continued to prove just how strong a team they were. Incredibly diverse, they had all the bases covered. Captain-elect Caroline Lind '02, in her second season, was amazingly strong in hole-set, repeatedly overpowering her defenders, slamming backhands and skip shots past goalies. Meg Blitzer '01 was the highest scoring member of the squad for her third year running. Kate Bartlett '01 kept the team on target defensively, recording numerous saves, including raising her percentage of blocked four-meter shots. Sarah Ferranti '01, Ashley Foster '01 and Devin Murphy '01 were also fierce defensively, tallying steal after steal. Sophie Cowan '01, Sydney Freas '01, and O'Connor added the necessary speed required for the fast breaks which contributed so much to the Big Blue's undefeated streak. Anneka Benn '02, Lauren Nickerson '02, Holly Schroder '02, Jane Anderson '03, Abby Anderson '03, Boo Littlefield '03, Mari Ono '03, Kim Walker '03, Kate Page '04 and other powerful underclassmen were welcome assets, adding to Andover's depth and helping the team achieve its impressive record.

PA's closest games of the season were against Deerfield, the 1998 New England Champions, and Loomis. During the Loomis game, rough play led to careless mistakes, however, it was during the Deerfield game that the Andover girls experienced, for the first and last time all season, what it feels like to be down during the game. There were some tense moments but the Big Blue rallied to win both games by a four goal margin.

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GIRLS WATERPOLO MAINTAINS 3-YEAR WINNING STREAK

Continued from Page D11, Column 6

The final game of the regular season was also the last home game for the seniors who wanted to go out with a bang, and they did just that. The game against NMH resulted in a 24-6 blowout in which the entire team had a chance to play. PA, with its second straight undefeated season, was ready to take on New England one last time at the final tournament.

The first two games in the tournament were against NMH and Suffield. Both teams fell easily to the deeper, stronger, and more experienced Andover squad, allowing the girls to achieve their first objective: Andover was into the championship game; so was Loomis-Chaffee. The championship game was going to be a rematch of last year's final game and the Big Blue hoped to come out on top once again. Game time ran out with the score board showing Loomis:7, Andover: 7. Overtime! Both teams were exhausted from the intensity of the game but, after some inspiring words to each other and from the two coaches, the PA girls were ready. Freas won her fifth of five ball sprints for the game and in four minutes it was all over. A goal from Blitzler and one from Freas on the perimeter finished Loomis off.

PA had much to celebrate. The team had successfully defended their New England title and had finished back-to-back undefeated seasons. Four Andover players were named to the All Tournament New England First Team. Freas and Lind received this recognition as did Bartlett, who was named First Team goalie and Blitzler, who was named New England MVP as well as *Boston Globe* All Scholastic.

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| SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | | | |
| Basketball (B V) | Brooks (Scrim)..... | (A) | 1:30 |
| Hockey (B V) | BROOKS | (H) | 1:30 |

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| WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 | | | |
| Basketball (B V) | HOLDERNESS | (H) | 3:30 |
| Basketball (G V) | HARVARD | (H) | 5:30 |
| Hockey (B V) | ST. PAUL'S | (H) | 3:15 |
| Hockey (G V) | B.B.&N (Scrim) | (A) | 5:00 |
| Squash (B JV1) | Brooks (Scrim)..... | (A) | 2:00 |
| Squash (B V) | Brooks (Scrim)..... | (A) | 2:00 |
| Squash (B V) | Belmont Hill | (A) | 2:15 |
| Squash (G V) | TABOR | (H) | 3:30 |

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| THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 | | | |
| Squash (B V) | Harvard | (A) | 4:30 |

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| SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 | | | |
| Basketball (B JV1) | Cushing | (A) | 4:00 |
| Basketball (B V) | Cushing | (A) | 2:30 |
| Basketball (G V) | GOVERNOR DUMMER | (H) | 3:00 |
| Hockey (B JV1) | MIDDLESEX ISLANDERS | (H) | 5:30 |
| Hockey (B V) | ST. MARK'S | (H) | 3:30 |
| Hockey (G JV) | GOVERNOR DUMMER | (H) | 1:30 |
| Hockey (G V) | St. Mark's | (A) | 2:30 |
| Wrestling (B JV) | Williston/NMH/Hyde | (A) | 3:00 |
| Wrestling (B V) | GOVERNOR DUMMER | (H) | 2:00 |

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| SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 | | | |
| Basketball (B V) | Blackburn Tourney | (A) | 3:00 |
| Basketball (G V) | THAYER SCRIMMAGE | (A) | 2:00 |
| Hockey (B V) | Harvard | (H) | 2:00 |

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| SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 | | | |
| Basketball (B V) | Blackburn Tourney | (A) | TBA |
| Basketball (G V) | NEW JEWISH | (H) | 1:00 |
| Hockey (B V) | NEW HAMPTON | (H) | 2:00 |

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| MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 | | | |
| Basketball (B V) | Loomis-Challee | (A) | 5:30 |
| Basketball (G V) | Loomis-Challee | (A) | 4:00 |
| Hockey (B V) | Milton | (A) | 5:00 |
| Hockey (G V) | BOSTON ICE WOMEN | (H) | 7:00 |

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| TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 | | | |
| Basketball (B V) | NEW HAMPTON | (H) | 5:30 |
| Basketball (G V) | NEW HAMPTON | (H) | 3:30 |
| Hockey (G V) | PEABODY GIRLS | (H) | 7:30 |

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| THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 | | | |
| Hockey (G V) | Tabor@Taft | (A) | 11:00 |

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| FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 | | | |
| Hockey (B V) | Milton@Noble & Greenough | (A) | 3:00 |
| Hockey (G V) | Taft | (A) | TBA |

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| SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 | | | |
| Hockey (B V) | Salisbury@Milton | (A) | 9:00 |

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| SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 | | | |
| Hockey (B V) | Milton@Noble & Greenough | (A) | 12:00 |

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| SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 | | | |
| Basketball (B JV1) | Choate | (A) | 2:00 |
| Basketball (B V) | Choate | (A) | 6:00 |
| Basketball (G JV1) | Choate | (A) | 12:00 |
| Basketball (G V) | Choate | (A) | 4:00 |
| Hockey (B JV1) | Choate | (A) | 4:00 |
| Hockey (B V) | Choate | (A) | 6:00 |
| Hockey (G JV) | Choate | (A) | 12:00 |
| Hockey (G V) | Choate | (A) | 2:00 |
| Squash (B JV1) | Choate | (A) | 1:30 |
| Squash (B V) | Choate/Exeter/Taft | (A) | 2:00 |
| Squash (G JV1) | Choate | (A) | 12:00 |
| Squash (G V) | Choate | (A) | 12:00 |
| Swimming (B V) | Choate | (A) | 2:00 |
| Swimming (G V) | Choate | (A) | 2:00 |
| Wrestling (B JV) | Choate | (A) | 2:00 |
| Wrestling (B V) | Choate | (A) | 2:00 |

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| MONDAY, JANUARY 8 | | | |
| Basketball (B V) | GOVERNOR DUMMER | (H) | 4:45 |
| Hockey (G V) | BROOKS | (H) | 4:15 |
| Squash (G JV1) | BROOKS | (H) | 4:00 |
| Squash (G V) | BROOKS | (H) | 4:00 |

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| WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10 | | | |
| Basketball (B JV1) | ANDOVER | (H) | 5:00 |
| Basketball (G JV1) | TABOR | (H) | 3:30 |
| Basketball (G V) | TABOR | (H) | 3:30 |
| Hockey (B V) | BRIDGTON ACADEMY | (H) | 5:30 |
| Hockey (G JV) | Brooks | (A) | 2:00 |
| Hockey (G V) | NEW HAMPTON | (H) | 3:30 |
| Skiing Nordic | Proctor Skate | (A) | 2:45 |
| Squash (B JV1) | DEERFIELD | (H) | 3:15 |
| Squash (B JV2) | GROTON | (H) | 2:15 |
| Squash (B V) | OERFIELD | (H) | 3:15 |
| Squash (G JV1) | Middlesex | (A) | 2:30 |
| Squash (G V) | Middlesex | (A) | 2:30 |
| Swimming (B JV) | BERWICK | (H) | 3:15 |
| Swimming (G JV) | BERWICK (CO-EO) | (H) | 3:15 |
| Track (B V) | LYNNFIELD/MASCO | (H) | 3:30 |
| Track (G V) | LYNNFIELD/MASCO | (H) | 3:30 |
| Wrestling (B V) | Wilbraham & Monson | (A) | 4:15 |

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| FRIDAY, JANUARY 12 | | | |
| Hockey (G JV) | GROTON | (H) | 5:00 |
| Squash (G JV2) | Groton | (A) | 4:30 |

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| SATURDAY, JANUARY 13 | | | |
| Basketball (B JV1) | Tabor | (A) | 4:00 |
| Basketball (B JV2) | CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH | (H) | 3:00 |
| Basketball (B V) | Tabor | (A) | 4:00 |
| Basketball (G JV1) | MILTON | (H) | 7:00 |
| Basketball (G JV2) | TYNGSBORO HS | (H) | 3:00 |
| Basketball (G V) | MILTON | (H) | 7:00 |
| Hockey (B JV1) | DEERFIELD | (H) | 3:00 |
| Hockey (B V) | EXETER | (H) | 5:00 |
| Hockey (G V) | St. Paul's | (A) | 3:00 |
| Squash (B JV1) | St. Mark's | (A) | 2:00 |
| Squash (B JV2) | St. Mark's | (A) | 2:00 |
| Squash (G V) | Taft | (A) | 3:00 |
| Swimming (B JV) | EXETER | (H) | 2:15 |
| Swimming (B V) | Loomis-Chaffee | (A) | 2:00 |
| Swimming (G JV) | EXETER | (H) | 2:15 |
| Swimming (G V) | Loomis-Chaffee | (A) | 2:00 |
| Track (B V) | Oakmouth | (A) | 3:30 |
| Track (G V) | Dartmouth | (A) | 3:30 |
| Wrestling (B JV) | ST. PAUL'S/HYDE/HYDE | (H) | 2:30 |
| Wrestling (B V) | Deerfield/Tilton/PCD/Hyde | (A) | 2:00 |

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| WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 | | | |
| Basketball (B JV2) | N.M.H. | (H) | 3:30 |
| Basketball (B V) | BREWSTER ACADEMY | (H) | 5:30 |
| Basketball (G JV1) | N.M.H. | (A) | 4:00 |
| Basketball (G JV2) | N.M.H. | (H) | 3:30 |
| Basketball (G V) | N.M.H. | (A) | 4:00 |
| Hockey (B JV1) | St. Mark's | (A) | 5:00 |
| Hockey (B V) | St. Sebastian's | (A) | 3:15 |
| Hockey (G JV) | B.B.&N. | (H) | 3:00 |
| Hockey (G V) | Lawrence Academy | (A) | 3:00 |
| Skiing Nordic | Holderness | (A) | 2:45 |
| Squash (B JV1) | CONCORD ACADEMY | (H) | 4:00 |
| Squash (B JV2) | Milton | (A) | 3:15 |
| Squash (G JV1) | ST. PAUL'S | (H) | 2:30 |
| Squash (G V) | ST. PAUL'S | (H) | 2:30 |
| Track (B V) | CHELMSFORD | (H) | 3:30 |
| Track (G V) | CHELMSFORD | (H) | 3:30 |
| Wrestling (B JV) | Tabor/Worcester/Hyde | (A) | 3:30 |
| Wrestling (B V) | Tabor/Worcester | (A) | 3:30 |

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| FRIDAY, JANUARY 19 | | | |
| Basketball (B V) | Tufts | (A) | 7:30 |
| Hockey (G JV) | ST. MARK'S | (H) | 4:30 |
| Hockey (G V) | Groton | (A) | 4:45 |
| Squash (B JV2) | Groton | (A) | 4:15 |

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| SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 | | | |
| Basketball (B JV1) | DEERFIELD | (H) | 2:00 |
| Basketball (B JV2) | Tufts | (H) | 2:00 |
| Basketball (G JV1) | Oerfield | (A) | 2:00 |

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| Basketball (G JV) | Deerfield | (A) | 2:00 |
| Hockey (B JV1) | ST. PAUL'S | (H) | 4:00 |
| Hockey (B V) | NOBLE&GREENOUGH... .. | (H) | 2:00 |
| Squash (B JV1) | MIDDLESEX | (H) | 2:00 |
| Squash (B V) | MIDDLESEX | (H) | 2:00 |
| Squash (G JV1) | Exeter | (A) | 3:30 |
| Squash (G JV2) | Exeter | (A) | 3:30 |
| Squash (G V) | Exeter | (A) | 3:30 |
| Swimming (B JV) | MILTON | (H) | 2:30 |
| Swimming (B V) | N.M.H. | (A) | 1:00 |
| Swimming (G JV) | MILTON | (H) | 2:30 |
| Swimming (G V) | N.M.H. | (A) | 1:00 |
| Track (B V) | Yale Invitational | (A) | 10:00 |
| Track (G V) | Yale Invitational | (A) | 10:00 |
| Wrestling (B JV) | Loomis/Williston/NMH/DRF | (A) | 2:30 |
| Wrestling (B V) | BELMDNT/LDOMIS/NH | (H) | 3:15 |

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| SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 | | | |
| Skiing Nordic | Putney Relay Races | (A) | 11:00 |

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| WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 | | | |
| Basketball (B JV1) | EXETER | (H) | 2:30 |
| Basketball (B JV2) | Andover Freshman | (A) | 4:30 |
| Basketball (B V) | EXETER | (H) | 2:30 |
| Basketball (G JV1) | NORTH READING HS | (H) | 4:30 |
| Basketball (G JV2) | North Reading | (A) | 2:30 |
| Basketball (G V) | NOBLE & GREENOUGH | (H) | 4:30 |
| Hockey (B JV1) | NEW ENGLAND RENEGADES | (H) | 6:30 |
| Hockey (B V) | Lawrence Academy | (A) | 5:00 |
| Hockey (G JV) | ACTON-BOXBORO | (H) | 4:30 |
| Hockey (G V) | CUSHING | (H) | 2:30 |
| Skiing Nordic | St. Paul's Freestyle | (A) | 2:45 |
| Squash (B JV1) | ST. PAUL'S | (H) | 2:30 |
| Squash (B JV2) | BELMONT HILL | (H) | 4:00 |
| Squash (B V) | ST. PAUL'S | (H) | 2:30 |
| Squash (G JV1) | Groton | (A) | 2:30 |
| Squash (G JV2) | St. Mark's | (A) | 2:30 |
| Squash (G V) | Groton | (A) | 2:30 |
| Swimming (G JV) | Winsor | (A) | 3:00 |
| Track (B V) | TEWKSBURY | (H) | 3:30 |
| Track (G V) | TEWKSBURY | (H) | 3:30 |
| Wrestling (B V) | NO. ANDOVER HIGH | (H) | 3:30 |

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| FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 | | | |
| Basketball (B JV1) | N.M.H. | (H) | 6:00 |
| Basketball (B V) | N.M.H. | (H) | 6:00 |
| Basketball (G JV2) | Fay School | (H) | 3:45 |
| Basketball (G V) | Suffield | (A) | 6:00 |
| Squash (B JV1) | Groton | (A) | 4:30 |
| Squash (B V) | Tufts | (A) | 5:00 |
| Squash (G V) | Tufts | (A) | 5:00 |
| Wrestling (B V) | N.M.H. | (H) | 6:30 |

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| SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 | | | |
| Basketball (G JV1) | READING LIGHTNING | (H) | 3:00 |
| Hockey (B JV1) | ANDOVER HIGH SCHOL | (H) | 2:30 |
| Hockey (B V) | LOOMIS-CHAFFEE | (H) | 4:30 |
| Hockey (G JV) | Deerfield | (A) | 3:45 |
| Hockey (G V) | Deerfield | (A) | 5:15 |
| Skiing Nordic | N.M.H. | (A) | 1:00 |
| Squash (B JV2) | Brooks School | (A) | 1:30 |
| Squash (B V) | CHOATE/WESTMIN/BRODKS | (H) | 4:30 |
| Squash (G JV2) | Middlesex | (A) | 2:15 |
| Swimming (B V) | DEERFIELD | (H) | 3:30 |
| Swimming (G JV) | Deerfield | (A) | 3:30 |
| Swimming (G V) | DEERFIELD | (H) | 3:30 |
| Wrestling (B JV) | Exeter/SPS/Hyde/Williston | (A) | 2:45 |

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| MONDAY, JANUARY 29 | | | |
| Basketball (G V) | BRODKS | (H) | 4:45 |

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| WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 | | | |
| Basketball (B JV2) | CHELMSFORD | (H) | 3:00 |
| Basketball (B V) | BRIDGTON ACADEMY | (H) | 5:00 |
| Basketball (G JV1) | Cushing | (A) | 3:00 |
| Basketball (G JV2) | CHELMSFORD | (H) | 3:00 |
| Hockey (B JV1) | WEST RIVER WOLVES | (H) | 5:30 |
| Hockey (B V) | Deerfield | (A) | 5:00 |
| Hockey (G JV) | Middlesex | (A) | 2:30 |
| Hockey (G V) | EXETER | (H) | 3:30 |
| Skiing Nordic | Putney Classic | (A) | 2:45 |
| Squash (B JV1) | EXETER | (H) | 2:30 |
| Squash (B JV2) | EXETER | (H) | 2:30 |
| Squash (B V) | Noble & Greenough | (A) | 2:30 |
| Squash (G V) | Noble & Greenough | (A) | 2:30 |
| Swimming (B V) | BARRACUDA/NEW WAVE | (H) | 5:00 |
| Swimming (G V) | BARRACUDA/NEW WAVE | (H) | 5:00 |
| Track (B V) | CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH | (H) | 3:30 |
| Track (G V) | CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH | (H) | 3:30 |
| Wrestling (B V) | B.B.&N | (A) | 3:30 |

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| FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 | | | |
| Basketball (B V) | THAYER | (H) | 4:45 |
| Hockey (B JV1) | Chelmsford Tully Forum | (A) | 4:00 |
| Hockey (B V) | HOLDERNESS | (H) | 5:30 |
| Hockey (G JV) | PIKE | (H) | 3:30 |
| Squash (B JV1) | Tabor | (A) | 5:30 |
| Squash (B JV2) | Tabor | (A) | 5:30 |
| Squash (G JV2) | GROTON | (H) | 4:00 |

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| SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 | | | |
| Basketball (B JV1) | St. John's | (A) | 10:00 |
| Basketball (B JV2) | LAWRENCE HIGH | (H) | 1:00 |
| Basketball (G JV1) | EXETER | (H) | 4:00 |
| Basketball (G JV2) | CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH | (H) | 11:00 |

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| Basketball (G V) | EXETER..... | (H) | 4:00 |
| Hockey (B V) | B.B.&N..... | (H) | 6:00 |
| Hockey (G V) | K.U.A..... | (H) | 4:00 |
| Squash (B JV1) | MILTON..... | (H) | 1:00 |
| Squash (B V) | MILTON..... | (H) | 1:00 |
| Squash (G JV1) | MILTON..... | (H) | 3:00 |
| Squash (G V) | MILTON..... | (H) | 3:00 |
| Swimming (B V) | HOPKINS..... | (H) | 1:00 |
| Swimming (G V) | HOPKINS..... | (H) | 1:00 |
| Track (B V) | Wheaton Invitational..... | (A) | 9:00 |
| Track (G V) | Wheaton Invitational..... | (A) | 9:00 |
| Wrestling (B JV) | Exeter/Rox/NMH/SPS..... | (A) | 2:30 |
| Wrestling (B V) | Moses/New Hampton..... | (A) | 2:00 |

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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| Basketball (B JV2) | ANOVER FRESHMAN..... | (H) | 4:45 |
| Basketball (B V) | CLARK UNIVERSITY..... | (H) | 5:30 |
| Basketball (G JV1) | ST. PAUL'S..... | (H) | 2:45 |
| Basketball (G JV2) | Pingree..... | (A) | 2:30 |
| Basketball (G V) | ST. PAUL'S..... | (H) | 2:45 |
| Hockey (B JV1) | ST. JOHN'S..... | (H) | 5:45 |
| Hockey (B V) | K.U.A..... | (A) | 4:15 |
| Hockey (G JV) | HOLOERNESS..... | (H) | 3:45 |
| Hockey (G V) | Tabor..... | (A) | 3:30 |
| Skiing Nordic | New Hampton Classic..... | (A) | 2:45 |
| Squash (B JV1) | BELMONT HILL..... | (H) | 2:30 |
| Squash (B JV2) | Belmont Hill..... | (A) | 2:45 |
| Squash (B V) | BELMONT HILL..... | (H) | 2:30 |
| Squash (G JV1) | St. Paul's..... | (A) | 2:30 |
| Squash (G V) | St. Paul's..... | (A) | 2:30 |
| Swimming (B V) | Worcester..... | (A) | 3:30 |
| Swimming (G V) | Worcester..... | (A) | 3:30 |
| Track (B JV) | Exeter..... | (A) | 3:00 |
| Track (G JV) | Exeter..... | (A) | 3:00 |
| Wrestling (B JV) | Brooks..... | (A) | 3:00 |
| Wrestling (B V) | Brooks..... | (A) | 3:00 |

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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| Hockey (B V) | PINGREE..... | (H) | 4:00 |
| Hockey (G V) | N.M.H..... | (A) | 6:00 |
| Track (B V) | HAVERHILL/ANOVER JV..... | (H) | 4:00 |
| Track (G V) | HAVERHILL/ANDOVER JV..... | (H) | 4:00 |

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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| Basketball (B JV1) | LAWRENCE HIGH..... | (H) | 1:00 |
| Basketball (B JV2) | NORTH READING HS..... | (H) | 3:00 |
| Basketball (B V) | Harvard..... | (A) | 4:00 |
| Basketball (G JV2) | Tabor..... | (A) | 1:30 |
| Basketball (G V) | BREWSTER ACADEMY..... | (H) | 4:30 |
| Hockey (B V) | BELMONT HILL..... | (H) | 6:00 |
| Hockey (G JV) | ACTON-BOXBORO..... | (H) | 3:15 |
| Squash (G JV1) | OERFIELD..... | (H) | 12:30 |
| Squash (G JV2) | MIOOLESEX..... | (H) | 2:00 |
| Squash (G V) | DEERFIELD..... | (H) | 12:30 |
| Swimming (B V) | Williston/Sutfield..... | (A) | 2:30 |

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| Swimming (G V) | Williston/Sutfield..... | (A) | 2:30 |
| Wrestling (B JV) | TABOR/EX/HYOE/HYOE..... | (H) | 2:30 |

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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| Basketball (B JV1) | WORCESTER..... | (H) | 5:00 |
| Basketball (B JV2) | PINGREE..... | (H) | 3:00 |
| Basketball (B V) | WORCESTER..... | (H) | 5:00 |
| Basketball (G JV1) | B.B.&N..... | (A) | 4:45 |
| Basketball (G JV2) | SHORE COUNTRY OAY..... | (H) | 3:00 |
| Basketball (G V) | B.B.&N..... | (A) | 4:45 |
| Hockey (B JV1) | AUSTIN PREP..... | (H) | 5:30 |
| Hockey (B V) | Cushing..... | (A) | 5:00 |
| Hockey (G JV) | PIKE..... | (H) | 1:30 |
| Hockey (G V) | NOBLE & GREENOUGH..... | (H) | 3:30 |
| Skiing Nordic | K.U.A. Lakes Region Champs..... | (A) | 2:45 |
| Squash (B JV1) | NOBLE & GREENOUGH..... | (H) | 2:15 |
| Squash (B JV2) | NOBLE & GREENOUGH..... | (H) | 2:15 |
| Squash (B V) | ST. GEORGE'S..... | (H) | 4:00 |
| Squash (G JV1) | Winsor@MIT..... | (A) | 3:15 |
| Squash (G JV2) | Winsor@MIT..... | (A) | 3:30 |
| Squash (G V) | ST. GEORGE'S..... | (H) | 4:00 |
| Swimming (B JV) | ST. GEORGE'S/BERWICK..... | (H) | 3:30 |
| Swimming (G JV) | ST. GEORGE'S/BERWICK..... | (H) | 3:30 |
| Track (B V) | LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL..... | (H) | 3:30 |
| Track (G V) | LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL..... | (H) | 3:30 |
| Wrestling (B JV) | EXETER..... | (H) | 3:00 |
| Wrestling (B V) | EXETER..... | (H) | 3:00 |

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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| Basketball (B JV1) | N.M.H..... | (A) | 6:00 |
| Basketball (B V) | N.M.H..... | (A) | 6:00 |
| Basketball (G JV1) | N.M.H..... | (H) | 6:00 |
| Basketball (G V) | N.M.H..... | (H) | 6:00 |
| Hockey (B JV1) | Tabor..... | (A) | 5:30 |
| Hockey (B V) | TABOR..... | (H) | 7:00 |
| Hockey (G V) | Milton..... | (A) | 7:00 |
| Squash (B V) | Groton..... | (A) | 4:30 |
| Squash (G JV1) | GROTON..... | (H) | 4:30 |
| Squash (G V) | GROTON..... | (H) | 4:30 |
| Wrestling (B V) | Interscholastics..... | (A) | TBA |

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| Wrestling (B V) | Interschols..... | (A) | TBA |
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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| Basketball (B JV1) | Deerfield..... | (A) | 3:45 |
| Basketball (B JV2) | NEW JEWISH..... | (A) | 3:00 |
| Basketball (B V) | Deerfield..... | (A) | 3:45 |
| Basketball (G JV2) | B.B.&N..... | (H) | 3:00 |
| Hockey (B JV1) | Belmont Hill..... | (A) | 5:30 |
| Hockey (B V) | N.M.H..... | (H) | 3:30 |
| Hockey (G JV) | St. Paul's..... | (A) | 4:00 |
| Hockey (G V) | HOLOERNESS..... | (H) | 5:30 |
| Skiing Nordic | NEPSAC Championships..... | (A) | 2:45 |
| Squash (B JV1) | Exeter..... | (A) | 2:30 |
| Squash (B JV2) | Exeter..... | (A) | 2:30 |

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| Squash (B V) | Exeter..... | (A) | 2:30 |
| Squash (G JV1) | EXETER..... | (H) | 2:30 |
| Squash (G JV2) | EXETER..... | (H) | 2:30 |
| Squash (G V) | EXETER..... | (H) | 2:30 |
| Swimming (B V) | EXETER..... | (H) | 3:30 |
| Swimming (G V) | EXETER..... | (H) | 3:30 |
| Track (B V) | Exeter..... | (A) | 2:30 |
| Track (B JV) | Exeter..... | (A) | 2:30 |
| Track (G V) | Exeter..... | (A) | 2:30 |
| Track (G JV) | Exeter..... | (A) | 2:30 |

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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| Wrestling (B V) | Nationals..... | (A) | TBA |
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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| Squash (B V) | Interscholastics..... | (A) | TBA |
| Squash (G V) | Interscholastics..... | (A) | TBA |

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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| Basketball (B JV1) | Exeter..... | (A) | 3:00 |
| Basketball (B V) | Exeter..... | (A) | 7:00 |
| Basketball (G JV1) | Exeter..... | (A) | 1:00 |
| Basketball (G V) | Exeter..... | (A) | 5:00 |
| Hockey (B JV1) | Exeter..... | (A) | 2:00 |
| Hockey (B V) | Exeter..... | (A) | 4:00 |
| Hockey (G JV) | Exeter..... | (A) | 12:30 |
| Hockey (G V) | Exeter..... | (A) | 6:00 |
| Squash (B V) | Interschols..... | (A) | TBA |
| Squash (G V) | Interschols..... | (A) | TBA |
| Swimming (B JV) | Exeter..... | (A) | 2:00 |
| Swimming (G JV) | Exeter..... | (A) | 2:00 |
| Track (B V) | Maine USATF..... | (A) | 12:00 |
| Track (G V) | Maine USATF..... | (A) | 12:00 |
| Wrestling (B JV) | Interschols@N.M.H..... | (A) | 10:00 |

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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| Basketball (B V) | Prep 5..... | (A) | 12:00 |
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FRIDAY, MARCH 2

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| Wrestling (B V) | New Englands..... | (A) | TBA |
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SATURDAY, MARCH 3

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| Oiving Boys | Interscholastics@Exeter..... | (A) | TBA |
| Swimming (B V) | Interscholastics@Exeter..... | (A) | TBA |
| Wrestling (B V) | New Englands..... | (A) | TBA |

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

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| Oiving Girls | Interscholastics@Exeter..... | (A) | TBA |
| Swimming (G V) | Interscholastics@Exeter..... | (A) | TBA |

Winter Sports 2000 – 2001

Team records

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| Basketball BV | 3 – 17 |
| Basketball BJV1 | 7 – 5 |
| Basketball BJV2 | 3 – 5 |
| Basketball GV | 15 – 2 (2 nd in the Class A Tournament) |
| Basketball GJV1 | 9 – 3 |
| Basketball GJV2 | 7 – 2 |
| Hockey BV | 11 – 14 -1 |
| Hockey BJV | 6 – 9 |
| Hockey GV | 6 – 14 – 2 |
| Hockey GJV | 9 – 4 – 2 |
| Skiing Nordic | Does not keep team records |
| Squash BV | 13 – 1 (4 th place of 34 teams @ Interschols) |
| Squash BJV1 | 13 – 2 |
| Squash BJV2 | 6 – 5 |
| Squash GV | 12 – 4 (5 th place of 16 teams @ Interschols) |
| Squash GJV1 | 5 – 8 |
| Squash GJV2 | 2 – 6 |
| Swimming BV | 8 – 2 (3 rd @ Interschols) |
| Swimming BJV | 0 – 5 |
| Swimming GV | 9 – 0 – 1 (2 nd @ Interschols) |
| Swimming GJV | 3 – 5 |
| Track BV | 5 – 1 – 1 |
| Track BJV | 1 – 1 |
| Track GV | 7 – 0 |
| Track GJV | 1 – 0 |
| Wrestling V | 7 – 8 (7 th in League tourney of 18 teams) |
| Wrestling JV | Does not keep team record |

SPORT: Basketball - boys

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Joe Lemire

MANAGERS: Shani T. Hogarth, Raquel Leonard, Nicole McLaren

COACH: Leon Modeste

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH: Paul Kalkstein

ASSISTANT COACH: Dan Schneider

SEASON RECORD

WON 3 **LOST** 17 **TIED** 0

Letter Winners

Acheampong, Kwadwo
DeOssie, Zackary R.
Frisch, David M.
Gallagher, Rory M.
Godoy, Christopher J.
Hogarth, Shani T. mgr
Lemire, Joseph D. ©

Lewis, Malik D.
Nyadjroh, Adjatay S.
Osuji, Kelechukwu C.
Raoult, Thibault P.
Simms, Jonathan T.
Taylor, Isaac B.
White, Damion L.

Boys Basketball – Varsity

2000 – 2001

| No. | Name | Pos. | Hgt. | Wgt. | Class | Hometown |
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| 14 | Acheampong, Kwadwo | G | 5'11 | 165 | 2002 | Bronx, NY |
| 11 | DeOssie, Zachary | C/F | 6'4 | 185 | 2003 | North Andover, MA |
| 10 | Frisch, David | G | 5'8 | 150 | 2002 | Marblehead, MA |
| 23 | Gallagher, Rory | F | 6'2 | 175 | 2003 | Lowell, MA |
| 12 | Godoy, Christopher | G | 5'10 | 180 | 2001 | Tewksbury, MA |
| 32 | Lemire, Joseph D.* | F/C | 6'3 | 187 | 2001 | Lowell, MA |
| 21 | Lewis, Malik | G/F | 6'2 | 175 | 2002 | Burlington, NC |
| 4 | Nyadjroh, Adjatay | G | 6'1 | 185 | 2003 | Somerville, MA |
| 15 | Osuji, Kelechukwu | G | 5'11 | 175 | 2001 | Bronx, NY |
| 41 | Raoult, Thibault | C | 6'5 | 215 | 2001 | Rochester, NY |
| 33 | Simms, Jonathan | F | 6'3 | 180 | 2002 | Bourne, MA |
| 3 | Taylor, Isaac | G | 5'9 | 150 | 2001 | Woodstock, VT |
| 5 | White, Damion | F | 6'5 | 190 | 2001 | Charlotte, NC |



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Lower Rory Gallagher goes up for a reverse lay-up. He was the third leading scorer on the team with 8 points.

Blowout Victory an Energizing Start to Boys Basketball Season

by Kwadwo Acheampong
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

**Andover
Holderness**

**88
54**

This past Wednesday marked the beginning of the boys' basketball season; and the Big Blue came out in full throttle as they trounced Holderness 88-54. The team played hard from the beginning, resulting in a 12-0 lead seven minutes into the first half. The solid defense of the Big Blue held Holderness to a measly 20 points at halftime.

The team enjoyed stellar performances from all players. Leading the way was new upper J.T. Simms, who scored a whopping 31 points. Simms proved that he could do more than just catch footballs, as he played with intensity. No one could guard him in the low

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post. Right behind him was sensation Damion White '01 with 28 points. White put on a show for the crowd with his highflying acrobatics—he threw down an incredible slam-dunk early in the second half and that doesn't even show half of his potential. White was also deadly from beyond the arc as he knocked down four three-pointers. The two players combined for more than half of the team's points.

Andover demonstrated their tremendous ability as everyone played and contributed to the win. Strong performances by point guards Malik Lewis '02 and David Frisch '02 definitely helped the team to a victory. Their calm and collected style of playing resulted in their ability to distribute the ball to the able hands of their teammates. Captain Joe Lemire '01 and Zach DeOssie '03 were monsters on the boards combining for 18 rebounds. The team also exposed Holderness's inability to handle the ball stealing the ball a total of 15 times. Leading the way in steals was Kwadwo Acheampong '02 with three and Adjatay Nyadjro '03 with two.

With the score so high, Phillips Academy showed its potential. Amazingly, everyone on the team managed to score. Rory Gallagher '03 was the third leading scorer with 8 points and DeOssie had 6 points. Chris Godoy '01 and KC Osuji '01 also sunk baskets.

In spite of their thirty-four-point win, the team still has a long way to go. Although they out-rebounded their opponent, Andover must crash the boards harder. The team will definitely need big men DeOssie and Thibault Raoult '01 to step up if the team expects to contend with strong schools like Tabor and NMH. The team will also be back at full strength when senior and back-up point-guard Isaac Taylor '01 returns from his ankle injury. This will allow David Frisch to return to his more accustomed role as sharpshooter.

"We played hard," said Coach Modeste, "we need to increase our field goal percentage and tighten up on defense. However, it is also the beginning of the year, but we still have to turn it up a notch because all of our opponents will be much tougher than the Holderness Bulldogs." With this convincing win, Phillips Academy's boys' basketball team starts off on the right foot.

Basketball, Infused With New Talent, Looks to Utilize Small Size, Speed

by Kwadwo Acheampong
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

November not only brings the arrival of the legendary harsh New England weather, but also another great season of basketball. This season's team will be unlike those of the recent past as the team sees many new faces for the first time. The graduation of the class of 2000 vacated twelve spots on the team, leaving captain Joe Lemire '01, as the only returner.

This year's team is composed very differently from past seasons. The team has only one post-graduate: Damion White '01, athletic phenomenon straight out of Charlotte, NC, shows great promise in practice. With his stunning moves and ability to elevate (40-inch vertical), he will greatly

compensate for the loss of players like Terrell Ivory '00 and Jason Jones '00. The team also has new upper, J.T. Simms '02, who has shown he can do more than just play football. A solid player, Simms is sure to be an offensive threat.

The team is composed mostly of JV superstars who are capable of turning in outstanding performances. Leading the way are Malik Lewis '02 and Isaac Taylor '01, who, with their exceptional ball-handling skills and maturity on the court, will be able to run the offense of the Big Blue. There's Dave Frisch '02 and KC Osuji '01 who have the potential to be deadly assassins from beyond the arc. Solid defenders Chris Godoy '01, Kwadwo Acheampong '02, and Adjatay Nyadjroh '03 will be great assets to the team.

The team lost a lot of height last year, graduating Nat Carr, Beau Saccoccia, and big (BIG) man Sterling Burke. The team will have to look to Thibault Raoul '00 and Zach DeOssie '03 and Rory Gallagher, who so far have proven to be monsters down in the paint.

The team is relatively small compared to last year's; however it are considerably faster. "I think we can surprise some teams," said Coach Leon Modeste, who returns for his thirteenth year as head coach. Captain Lemire is also very optimistic: "I feel confident about this year. We may not be big in size, but we're fast, we're scrappy, and we hustle. It should be a good year."



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Upper J.T. Simms leaps over his defender for a short jumper. He scored a team leading 31 points.

Basketball on a Slippery Slide; Penetrating Zone Defense Key

by Kwadwo Acheampong
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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**Governor Dummer
Andover**

**89
76**



The three-game losing streak boys' basketball is riding leaves many people in wonder. People outside of the program can't seem to figure out what is going on. Andover continues to play hard, yet a key element remains missing, and a series of tough losses leaves the team in search of answers.

The bad luck began during finals week, when the team was not able to practice for five days. This meant only one day's preparation for the Tom Blackburne Invitational—a two-round tournament at Worcester Academy.

Blue's rustiness was evident the following Saturday, as Andover lost to the talented St. Andrews squad of Rhode Island. The combination of Damion White '01 and JT Simms '02, which was hauling 52 points total going into this game, was held to just 28 points. At the end of the game, White commented that "it is just not possible to have only a day of practice and expect to play like the team has played in the past."

Andover played in the consolation round the next day, hoping to rebound from the loss that ensued. Though the game was close for the majority of the time, the team suffered its second loss, dropping a 96-72 decision. Captain Joe Lemire '01 led his team with 22 points while White and Simms followed

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Malik Lewis '02 drives down the lane.

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closely with 21 and 14, respectively. Andover clearly had the edge in talent, but the team simply could not pull a win together.

Part of the reason why the team did not perform well in the tournament was zone defense—a strategy the Big Blue had not seen much of in their previous games. This was a huge problem when they faced St. Andrew's, and against Brewster as well, though by their second meeting with this sly tactic the Big Blue's reaction was stronger. Another difficulty was hustling back on defense after an offensive miss.

"These couple of games will be a learning experience for you guys," said Coach Modeste before the start of the tournament. This was the third game that the team had played together since its formation.

With their losses in mind, Andover took a two-hour bus trip down to Connecticut to play Loomis-Chaffee ready for a change of pace. PA showed signs of old form as they beat Loomis 53-52. Simms was the high man with 26 points, 4 boards, 4 steals and 4 assists. Though a narrow win, the team played well together. When faced with the zone defense, Andover easily defeated it, Simms often stealing easy

lay-ups and three-point baskets."

"It felt good to win," said one player. Though Andover was riding high on its victory, the team members had to get their minds set to play the powerhouse New Hampton Huskies.

"I'm not gonna lie to you all, they're good," said Coach Modeste to his team the morning of the big game, "they're gonna try to run the ball up and down the court and try to get you out of your game. This is why on every play you're all going to slow the pace of the game down. I know you all will play well because if you don't, you're going to get dunked on..."

The team heeded the blunt advice of their coach. At first sight of the Huskies, the team held fast, concentrated and unfazed. During the first half, the Big Blue led virtually for the entire half powered by JT Simms, who banked 3-pointers as far as two feet beyond the beyond the arc. With another twenty minutes to play, Andover was down only 7 points to the recruit-stocked team. The Big Blue continued to play well in the second half, but ran out of gas towards the end of the game. Andover ultimately lost by a final score of 82-61. Simms and White combined for 46 points each with 24 and 22, respectively. Despite the loss, Andover was pumped by its

performance and had every right to be: last year's team had lost by 79 points! The New Hampton players congratulated Andover, realizing that they were mean underdogs. The team, overall, played as a cohesive unit for the first time in a while, and Coach Modeste was content. "I knew you guys would play well because you didn't want to be embarrassed. I have a feeling that you guys wouldn't have lost some of those recent games if you had played New Hampton first." The players agreed. Though suffering a loss, the Phillips Academy boys' basketball team ended the year on a high note, hoping for great things to come in 2001.

The first game of the year brought Andover back to Connecticut this past Saturday to face Choate-Rosemary Hall. Andover jumped off to an 11-0 lead and carried it into the second half, but Choate fought back and came back to within three. A few costly decisions by the team during the last minute and a half pulled the team down by one, and that was all Choate needed to secure the win. Damion White was again the high scorer with 30 points, 9 steals, and 5 assists. "We should have won," lamented Rory Gallagher '03.

The loss to Choate angered the team and left them in search of

revenge. This past Monday, Andover played against Governor Dummer. It was the first time the team had played in front of its fans since the beginning of December. With no practice prior to the game, the team had to make adjustments without the help of their coach. At the end of the first half, the team was down 28-40. The objective going into the second half was to stop their point guard, for if the Blue could stop him, PA would surely have a chance to win the game. The team managed to do so, but Andover was unable to rebound strongly, which caused their fall: Andover lost 89-76. Malik Lewis '02 played exceptionally well, breaking out for 15 points and 5 assists. The successive losses have made the coaching staff decide to go back to the drawing board.

After the Choate game, the coaches discovered the missing element of the Big Blue's game: the defense was not the problem, it was the offense. With a lack of returning players came a lack of maturity, a key asset that brings organization and clarity; so on Wednesday, Coach Kalkstein revamped the offense to reduce confusion, as everyone is always moving. The change will be put to the test this Saturday against Jermaine Watson and Tabor Academy.

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Malik Lewis '02 takes flight towards the basket, bringing his defender to his knees.

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J.T. Simms '02 wins the rebound off the boards during PA's 13-point-loss to Governor Dummer.

Boys Basketball Knocks Off Exeter in Upset Fashion

by Kwado Acheimpong
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Andover
Exeter

76
70



The string of losses was finally halted as Phillips Academy's boys' basketball team defeated archrival Phillips Exeter on Wednesday by the final score of 76-70. With this game being the biggest the team has yet played, the

banking home shots, it was clear that this day would belong to Phillips Academy. At halftime the score was 35-24, Andover.

Having been in this situation before in many a game at the halftime, finishing strong was definitely a concern for the Big Blue. With this in mind, captain Joe Lemire '01 exhibited outstanding leadership skills, not letting his team contemplate the idea of losing. In addition to a great halftime pep talk from Head Coach Leon Modeste, the team had all they needed to deal with the task at hand.

The team came out with as much intensity as they came out with in the beginning of the game, executing exactly what Coach Modeste had emphasized at halftime; however, the team hit a road block in the middle stages of the half and allowed the Exeter Griffins to cut the lead to single digits. Coach Modeste saw when his team was going astray and called crucial time-outs in order to settle down the rambunctious squad. Exeter kept the intensity on, however, despite the great efforts of Andover, and cut the lead to three. Though they experienced man-to-man pressure from the desperate Exeter squad, PA kept its composure. Lewis,

win could not have come at a better time.

The team played like a well-oiled machine for most of the game. The Big Blue came out strong in the first half, quickly assuming an 18-4 lead. Starting out hard for Andover was unsung hero Malik Lewis '02, who had the hot hand early in the game. His three 3-pointers in the first half definitely catapulted the Big Blue ahead of its opponent. Feeding off him was Damion White '01, who, with his exceptional dribbling skills, infiltrated the porous Exeter defense early on. Finally, with J.T. Simms '02

withstanding hacks and blows from 6'6" 235-pound Hector Manrebo, was somehow able to stay focused and score Andover's last eight points on free-throw attempts. Determination at the line exhibited from the young point-guard iced the game for the Big Blue. Final score: 76-70 Phillips Academy.

After the game, Lewis had some insightful comments: "What we did tonight was what we should have been doing the whole season. I had to step up tonight to take the pressure off of Damien and JT, for they carry the squad in all of our games. But in the future we can't do this on our own - we have to win as a team."

The team played well in almost all aspects of the game during Wednesday's effort. The guards had an assist ratio of 2:1 as the team matched their season low of 13-turnovers. Success was also due to second-chance opportunities thanks to Zach DeOssie '03, who grabbed six of Andover's thirty boards. Offense proved not to be a problem when White and Lewis turned in 29 and 22-point efforts, respectively.

Adjatay Nyadjroh '03 was impressive in his starting debut, grabbing 4 boards, 3 steals, and 3 assists: "I played my heart out and did whatever it took to



help the team. If there is anything that I can do that will help the team play better, I'll do it..." Indeed, Nyadjroh did.

Since Andover's last defeat, the team has made significant changes for the better. After the embarrassing loss to Brewster, the team has been eating together trying to facilitate its team chemistry, which can be dormant at times on the court. Coach Modeste even joins the team on occasions. The boys have been coming to practice with high intensity day-in and day-out, and Captain Lemire just will not accept anything less than 110-percent. Most of all, the team is having fun. Day-by-day, the players learn what it means not to play scared and to play up to their potential. In Friday's close loss to Tufts' JV-squad, a new and improved team was unveiled.

"It was a chance to play a college team with college rules, and college girls in the stands," said David Frisch '02, who seems to have rediscovered his fire for the game.

With this win the curse of losing, which seemed to be hanging over the heads of the boys in Blue, has been broken. With their new style of play and attitude towards the game, the sky's the limit for the boy's basketball team of Phillips Academy.



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J.T. Simms '01 elevates over a futile defensive attempt to soar towards the hoop and two points.





J.T. Simms '02

"J.T. is someone we can count on to score, to rebound, to handle the ball, and to keep his composure."

—Captain Joe Lemire '01

by Dan Shvartsman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Varsity basketball has had a tough year to this point, but there are bright spots. With promising underclassmen, the future looks positive. Key among these underclassmen is one of the current stars on the team and new upper, J.T. Simms '02, the Athlete of the Week. He has been one of the vital parts of this year's squad and played a big role in a win over rival Exeter Wednesday, securing 13 boards to go with his 12 points.

JT has been playing basketball for a while, and doing quite well. "I've played the sport since 4th grade and have always enjoyed it and done well with it." Basketball is not his only sport, as he was a starting wide receiver on the Varsity Football team. When asked which sport he enjoyed more, he responded, "People ask me that a lot, and I always answer that it's whatever sport I'm currently involved in is more enjoyable. If it's fall, I like football more; if it's winter, my favorite is basketball."

JT's role on the team is the sharpshooter, and he doesn't mind it. "Generally I'm asked, along with Damion [White '01], to carry the scoring load, but I'm just looking to win. If that means not scoring as much but

doing better on the boards, like [against Exeter], then so be it." Being new to the team, JT chooses not to take charge as much. "I expect Joe [Lemire '01] to be the vocal leader

because that was what was entrusted to him as a Captain. I try to lead by example and do the best I can to set that example." And no doubt, the team helps him quite a bit. "Much of the success I've had this year can be attributed to my teammates. I've been looked to score, and my teammates have done a good job of getting me the ball and getting me open looks. And even guys who just have defensive roles, or other roles, they free me up and allow me to focus on scoring."

Wednesday was a great day for basketball to end their six game losing streak, as it came against Exeter. JT also picked up his first victory against Exeter, and it was nice for him.

"Definitely, it was a big win for us. I understand this rivalry, and I really felt it hard when we lost to them (in football). Right now I want to pick up one more win against them this year and pay them back for football next year." There's also a different feeling to playing in front of a big home crowd. "It's definitely nice to have a crowd to play for. I'm used to playing for good

crowds. I was surprised today, even with an early game kids got out there, and I hope to see more of these [crowds]."

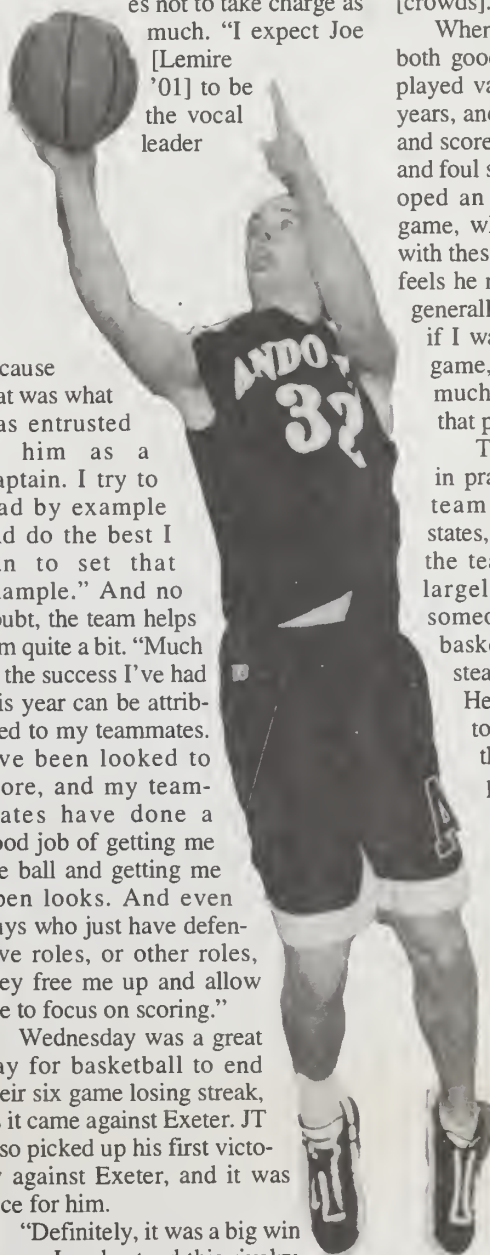
When JT looks at his game, he sees both good and bad things about it. "I played varsity at my old school for 3 years, and there I used to be a slasher, and score most of my points on layups and foul shots. But recently I've developed an outside shot and a passing game, which really helps me." Even with these additions, there are areas he feels he needs to improve on. "People generally look at me for offense, but if I want to have a more complete game, I'm going to have to work much more on defense, to shore that part of my game up."

Teammates have been effusive in praising JT for his play on the team. Captain Joe Lemire '01 states, "JT's been a great addition to the team. We're very young and largely inexperienced, but he's someone who has played varsity basketball before and has had a steadying influence on the team. He's someone we can count on to score, to rebound, to handle the ball, and to keep his composure even in the face of pressure."

Malik Lewis '02 says about JT, "He's a great player, one of the best on the team. Even though he's new to the team he's been an integral part to our season."

Basketball has struggled this year, but the win over Exeter could be a sign that they are righting the ship. JT claims, "We've had some individual efforts, and both Malik and Joe have had breakout games recently, but we need to get everyone involved. We need guys who aren't expected to have a great game really step up."

So far though, a constant on the team has been JT's outstanding play, and they can count on it in the weeks to come.



Boys Hoops Takes Double Hit: Prep Tournament a Long Shot

by Kwadwo Acheampong
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Harvard JV | 90 |
| Andover | 71 |
| Worcester | 88 |
| Andover | 51 |



This past week, the boys' varsity basketball team lost two games, increasing the tally to six consecutive losses. Despite this string of disappointing losses,

however, the team may still be eligible for the playoffs.

Last Saturday, Andover took on Harvard's junior varsity squad in the opener for the huge Harvard—Princeton Varsity match-up, which took place later that night. The Blue loves playing against college teams, for they have nothing to lose and the world to gain.

The first half of the game was relatively slow, which is a perfect pace for the Andover squad. The Big Blue, however, came out very "flat-footed," as Coach Modeste put it, and soon found itself in behind 21-7 with 12 minutes left to play. The only players who could get things going were Damion White '01 and J.T. Simms '02, whom had 11 and 9 points, respectively. At the end of the half, Andover found itself down by 22.

In the locker room, Coach Modeste applauded his team, as they began to show signs of life at the end of the first half. He then gave the team the "green light" to go, for he saw that the hurry-up offense was producing points. "It's gut-check time," said Captain Joe Lemire '01, "let's see what you all have got."

Lemire showed that his gut was abnormally large, as he scored 17 of his 19 points in the second half. He definitely fulfilled his captainship duties, leading by example. White also helped to force the issue, chipping in 14 of his

game-high 25 points.

"Kwadwo Acheampong also played very well," commented teammate KC Osuji '01, "but the best play of the game was when he scared Harvard's 250-pound center into turning the ball over on a fast-break." Kwadwo Acheampong '02 finished the game with 9 points, two assists, and a huge block with 3.2 seconds left.

This Big Blue were within striking distance at one point, as they were down 12 points with only six minutes to go; however, Harvard persisted and held off Andover's comeback attempt. Andover lost by a final score of 90-71. Big scorers for the Blue were White with 25, Lemire with 19, and Simms with 13.

"Sure we lost, but we played hard out there. The boys showed heart out in the second half, playing hard even though they were down by 20 points. What this game revealed is that this team is capable of playing up-tempo basketball," commented Coach Modeste.

The team clearly won the second half of the game, but in order to win, one has to play two good halves of basketball. The reason why Phillips played better in the second half was invariably due to Coach Modeste's halftime talk, where he gave the team the "green light" to go to the hoop. This style of play has not been consistent with most other games, as the Big Blue usually seeks to slow down the pace of the game. Playing at a high tempo was something the first-year players were used to, as an up-tempo style was all they played last year on the junior varsity level. For this reason, the team was able to compete well with Harvard.

This past Wednesday Phillips took on Worcester Academy, a team very deep in size and strength. Things did not go well from the beginning, as Andover again had dug itself into an early hole. At one point, Phillips Academy was down by 16 points, however a rally late



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Worcester defense swarms Damion White '01, who netted 15 points in Wednesday's loss.

in the first half, led by Simms, cut the lead to single digits. At halftime the score was 40-31 Worcester.

Determined to win their last home game, the Big Blue came out hard early in the second half, cutting the lead down to four in the first minute and a half. This was all the spark that the Big Blue would exhibit, as they proceeded to simply fall apart. For the last 15 minutes of the game the team did not seem to have a focal point on the court, as the players did not play as a cohesive unit. Turnovers were a major factor, as the point-guards were unable to keep control of the ball. The game ended with Phillips Academy down by 30 points, a depressing final score of 88-51.

"We did not play well against a team that was predicted to be very good," said White, who had 15 points on the night. What lost the game for the

team was predominantly because of offense. From the beginning of the game the offense never really seemed to click, and the team was never able to get into a rhythm. Part of that came from not being able to decide which offense was being implemented in each offensive sequence. The team needed to stay calm when they were down instead of feeling pressured to score.

The team, however, still has a chance to make the Prep 8 tournament. If the team wins their last three games, which includes a rematch against NMH and archrival Exeter, the team would clinch a playoff birth. All is not lost for boys' basketball, however—the players really needs to dig deep next week, as it will ultimately make or break their season.

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| Deerfield | 62 |
| Andover | 49 |



Wednesday afternoon, Phillips Academy trekked to Deerfield to square off against the Academy's 4-12 squad. After NMH's cancellation

last week, the Big Blue came into Wednesday's game well rested from the three-day weekend. Andover came out on the floor for pride and fun; their tournament chances were already shot, and the boys just wanted to have a good time.

Deerfield's shoddy record and lack of particular height or skill gave the Big Blue hope for a long-awaited win. Because the green machine didn't enforce the shot clock rule, PA could play around with a slow-paced offense.

JT Simms '02 woke up late Tuesday night with a raging fever and could not add his usual rebounds and points to the PA scoreboard in Wednesday's game. Fellow teammate Malik Lewis '02 was not at full-strength, still nursing a severe ankle-sprain from last week's game against Worcester.

The game opened with a sluggish, low-scoring first half. Deerfield was able to obtain a ten-point lead early in the game. Overall, PA played great defense, trapping at every opportunity, but the Big Blue just couldn't convert on offense for key possessions. At halftime, Andover was down 28-18.

The second half was polar to the first, as Andover looked to push the tempo of play against Deerfield's stagnant offense. An explosive 8-0 run brought the Big Blue within 2 points of a tie. Isaac Taylor '01 smoothly chipped in six of the eight points, suffering only two turnovers. Right after PA's engine roared to life, however, a disappointing sputter prevented the team from overtaking its adversaries. With Simms gone, there was no one to start the three-point assault that often rejuvenated Andover

in desperate situations. The game remained close until the final minutes, when PA had to foul Deerfield's players to preserve time on the clock. Unfortunately, Andover was unable to mount a last-minute comeback and fell short of the win, 62-49.

"Deerfield was like every other game we've played this season," commented Malik Lewis after the loss. "It was not necessarily a test of talent or skill, but a test of intensity. Not having JT today also hurt us as well."

Despite the loss, Andover still has a chance to make the Prep Invitational Tournament, scheduled to take place this Sunday at Tabor. All the team has to do is beat Exeter in tomorrow's Andover-Exeter match-up, the biggest game of the season. The final spot of the tournament rests on this game; an Andover win would catapult the Big Blue into the tourney, despite the Griffins' better record. It all comes down to tomorrow's game. Does Andover have what it takes to pull out a victory against Exeter?

Damion White - Boys Basketball



by Dan Shvartsman
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Even the darkest cloud has a silver lining.

It's been another difficult year for the Varsity Boys' Basketball team, which has struggled against tougher and more experienced foes. But the team is not without its bright spots, including the consistent scoring and solid all-around play of Damion White '01. Despite being new to the team and area, Damion made the most of his year here, leading the squad in scoring.

Basketball had long been a presence in White's life. "My dad always tells me he put a ball in my hand when I was still in the crib, and I've been playing organized ball since I was five." The sport, it seems, is in White's blood: his dad was a high school coach.

It wasn't, though, as if he was forced into the game. "Ever since I remember, I've always loved [basketball]." As White discovered early on, having a father that doubled as a coach was an enormous benefit: "My dad has had a huge influence on my career, because he's been coaching me since I was eight or nine. So I'm that young and I have basically a college-level coach to work on my game," he said.

White arrived at Andover for a PG year, intent on playing both football and basketball, but there's no doubt as to which sport he prefers. "Basketball is my love more so than football. I've always had basketball around me."

Despite his predilection for the game, White's adjustment to the new team was far from automatic. "It's kind of hard to describe (the feeling), being

a new guy on the team. It's hard to be vocal, but I still felt I had a little bit of the responsibility to lead the team," he explained. "Joe (Lemire '01) was the only player to return, and J.T. (Simms '02) and I were the only guys with Varsity game experience, so we had to help out. But Joe did a good job with the leadership of the team, being the captain and all."

Though he hails from basketball-crazed North Carolina, White didn't notice as many changes as he had expected. "The competition isn't much different. There are players who are stars here who wouldn't be special at home and vice-versa.

The teams from home would be about middle class in our league," he said, continuing. "It's a little bit different down there; we play four eight-minute quarters at home and two twenty-minute halves here. The biggest difference is atmosphere. Here everybody is doing work or is busy and we don't get that many people at games. At home we get anywhere from 1,500 to 3,000 fans, depending on the arena, for each game."

Though the Andover squad saw little success this year, White is still able to identify the season's upsides: "It's tough when you're playing a college schedule, just about, but I have no complaints about this season," he explained. "The guys on this team have worked hard all year, stuck it out through the bad times and never stopped pushing. I think we had the heart of champions this year."

The team's end of season loss to Exeter was, as White concedes, a disappointment, but it wasn't for lack of will. "This was the kind of game where

they just came out with so much emotion, because we dominated them the first time in our house. They shot the ball unbelievably, and we still never threw in the towel. We showed heart in the 2nd half, outscoring them in it, and just kept scratching and clawing."

Not surprisingly, White's individual game draws its highlights from that of his father: "My biggest strength is overall knowledge of the game, with my dad being a coach to teach me," he explained. "I know how to attack defenses, defend opponent's strengths, and exploit their weaknesses."

Nevertheless, White is cognizant of his on-court weaknesses. "I need to really get stronger and better at handling the ball if I want to take my game to where I want it." During games, however, White doesn't distinguish between types of success; his focus is on the scoreboard. "I don't really care whether I'm playing well offensively or defensively. As long as the team wins, I'm happy," he said. "I just try to do whatever it takes to win the game. If that means I have to score, I'll score, but if I see something break down I'll feed the open man on the run. My stats are less important than the number of wins the team has."

In the same vein, White's success has been largely a team effort: "Joe, J.T., and Malik (Lewis) '02 all helped me out a lot. Whenever I was on, they could get me the ball, and when I was off, they each stepped up." White also foresees a bright future for the squad: "The sky is the limit for this team. They return J.T., Malik, Zack (DeOssie '03), Adjatay (Nyadroh '03), and Kwadwo (Acheampong '02) and are bringing in some good talent, so they should be a contender next year."

Teammates and coaches are effusive in their praise of White. Coach Modeste gushes, "Without him I'd hate to think where we'd be. Everything we've asked this year he's done. He's stood out on this team, and he's a dynamic personality, so he's gotten the most out of teammates, and given some good insights on how to attack a certain team."

Captain Lemire points out, "Damion's been a great addition to the team. He's added experience to our team and has really helped lead the group. We can always count on him in the clutch; he's never shaken by pressure."

White is currently considering college offers from Dartmouth, Wake Forest, Duke, Charlotte, and Davidson. There is a goal at the end of this tunnel, far-fetched as it may seem. "My dream is to play pro ball, even if that's going to be very difficult. I just hope I can work hard enough to fulfill that goal," he said.

Tumultuous Season For Boys Hoops

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The Phillips Academy Boys' Varsity Basketball team experienced its worst season in over five years, finishing a disappointing 3-17 in

the Prep 5 League. The class of 2000 had graduated twelve of the team's thirteen players, leaving Captain Joe Lemire '01 as the sole returner. It didn't take long to realize this would be a rebuilding year.

This year's squad was mostly made up of JV stars. Leading the way were Malik Lewis '02 and Isaac Taylor '01, who, with their exceptional ball-handling skills, were great assets to the team. Then there was David Frisch '02 and KC Osuji '01, both of whom had the potential to be deadly assassins from beyond the arc. Solid defenders Chris Godoy '01, Kwadwo Acheampong '02, and Adjatay Nyadjroh '03 were able to come up with great defensive plays when needed.

The team lost a lot of height last year, graduating Nat Carr and others. As a result, Andover was forced to look to newcomers Thibault Raoult '01, Zach DeOssie '03 and Rory Gallagher, who proved at times to be monsters in the paint.

At the heart of the team were Captain Joe Lemire, Damion White '01, and JT Simms '02. "Damion was a great asset to the team," said Adjatay Nyadjroh. JT Simms, with his aggressive style, scored crucial points and ignited the offense with his exceptional three-point accuracy.

This was an emerging season for Captain Lemire. He rose to the occasion many times, supplying Andover with big baskets, including a three-pointer against powerhouse Thayer that sent the Big Blue into overtime. "Joe was a really good leader," asserted KC Osuji '01. "He wasn't very vocal most of the time, but he didn't have to be. He led by example and helped us make the best out of tough situations."

The team opened up the season resiliently, thrashing Holderness with a score of 88-54. The Boys in Blue played hard from the beginning, creating a 12-0 lead seven minutes into the first half. Big Blue's solid defense continued to hold Holderness to a measly twenty points at the half. Amazingly, everyone on the squad was able to score, displaying the team's great potential for games to come. Holderness, however, would prove to be Andover's easiest competition.

Phillips Academy began to experience difficulties due to the team's lack of experience. At the beginning of the season, the team had trouble working their offense around a zone defense, and, by the time PA found a solution, the team had lost three consecutive games.

Success came quickly with the introduction of a new attack. PA was able to defeat archrival Exeter 76-70, playing like a well-oiled machine for most of the game, coming out strong in the first half and quickly assuming an

18-4 lead. Starting out hard for Andover was unsung hero Malik Lewis '02, who had a hot hand early in the game. His three 3-pointers in the first half catapulted the Big Blue ahead of its opponents. Feeding off of Lewis, Damion White '01 infiltrated the porous Exeter defense early on. Finally, with Simms '02 banking home shots, it was clear that the day would belong to Phillips Academy. At halftime the score was 35-24, Andover.

The boys came out radiating the same intensity that carried them in the beginning of the game, executing exactly what Coach Modeste had emphasized at halftime. Unfortunately, the team hit a roadblock in the middle stages of the second half which allowed the Exeter Griffins to cut the lead to single digits. Coach Modeste saw the team going awry and called crucial time-outs in order to settle down his antsy squad. Exeter kept the stress level up, and, despite enormous efforts by Andover, was able to cut the lead to three. Experiencing extreme man-to-man pressure from the desperate Exeter squad, PA kept its composure. Lewis withstood hacks and blows from 6'6", 235-pound Hector Manrebo, and was somehow able to stay focused, scoring Andover's last eight points on free-throw attempts. The determination at the line exhibited by this young point-guard solidified the game for the Big Blue.

The team played well in virtually every aspect of the game during their herculean effort against the Exies. The guards had an assist ratio of 2:1 as the team matched their season low of thirteen turnovers. Success was also due to the rebound opportunities created by Sophomore Zach DeOssie '03, who grabbed six of Andover's thirty boards. The offense proved its capacity when White and Lewis turned in 29 and 22-point efforts, respectively.

Although the win against Exeter would prove to be their last, from that game on Boy's Basketball started to act and play like a team. The squad began to eat together in an attempt to nurture the team chemistry, which had lain dormant at times on the court. Coach Modeste even joined them on occasion. Most important, the team began to have fun. After the hand-to-hand combat with Exeter, the Boys had learned what it meant not to play scared but to play up to their potential.

In spite of the changes the Big Blue made, the team was unable to solve the recurring problem of finishing on top. "The fact that we weren't able to finish strong was due to the fact that we did not have a deep bench," said Chris Godoy. "We had a seven-man rotation and you just cannot win with that. When the second half came around, we were tired. As a result, we played poorly and blew leads. We would have done a lot better if we had developed a deeper bench."

"The lack of variety within the designated offense also played a huge role in determining the outcome of games," said White. "While it allowed us to dictate the tempo, we did not have a clear way of scoring, as we would rush shots off at the time designated to score. The offense produced great a first-half of basketball, but during the second half the [opposing] teams

would come up with better approaches to combat our offense."

Next year's team will have five returning players who will be there to provide veteran experience from this past season. As it looks now, next year's team shows great potential. Already the members of the team have taken measures to prepare for next year's season; many of the players are playing competitive basketball outside of school. Newly-appointed captain, JT Simms, promises good results for the coming season:

"Next year's success will be the result of off-season preparation. With the combination of current members and fresh new talent, we will be a force to be reckoned with in the league."

He continues, "We will be better. The memories of last season will be the driving force behind our victories."

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Despite strong play from Damien White '01, the Boys Basketball team struggles this past season as they finished the season at 3-17.

Vardaro '03 Leads With 240 pts.

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but we need to get more focus. We have great leaders, we just need to pull things together." The team played more solidly in the game against Deerfield even though the Girls were behind 31-20 at half time. Fortunately, whatever Andover lacked in the first half, they made up for in the second. Danielle Vardaro shot seventy percent from the free throw line, sinking in 12 points along with Okike. With eight minutes left, Lind popped in the tying basket and the Girls came out ahead, 58-48.

The next game, against Nobles, was well-played throughout. At the end of the first half, PA led 29-15. Woodin was the top scorer with 15 points. Vardaro added a helpful 10. Lind and Parfit brought in 8 each. In the end, the Blue dunked Nobles, 63-27. However, the Girls ended their nine-game winning streak when they faced the team that would ultimately be their only downfall, Suffield.

After dethroning Andover at the previous year's New England Championships, the Suffield fans showed up all decked out to cheer. PA had a disheartening start with a score of 11-0 after the first few minutes. By half-time, the girls were still down 35-

12. The team tried to bring it back up, but Suffield was inflexible, and the Blue ran out of time, ending with a disappointing 60-44.

The Girl's spirits were raised again when a home crowd cheered them on to their 10th victory against Brooks. At the half, the Blue was leading 35-19, but Andover wasn't satisfied and kept up the intensity. The game's highlight was Lind's achievement of her long-time goal: scoring 25 points. Though the girls won 68-47, they felt they could have done even better. The girl's then cruised to another victory, crushing Exeter at home. The fans pumped up the Ladies in Blue and the first half ended with PA leading by ten points, 23-13. Andover picked up their game, with Lind, the high scorer, leading the pack at 16 points, followed closely by Hanley with 9. Exeter fell with a resounding thump and a score of 44-37.

The Girls worked hard to keep up the momentum at the next home game against St. Paul's. Parfit had an excellent game, shooting 100% with 8 points. Okike commented, "We had a good defensive game, and a lot of people stepped up. Our shooting was off, but we were able to go back to the fundamentals and convert lay-ups." Woodin and Vardaro helped the win with 11 and 10 points respectively. Overall, the girls kept up their intensity throughout and burned right past St. Paul's with a victorious 57-29 score. Tucking their three-win streak under their belts, the Blue was prepared to keep moving.

Brewster was an excellent game for PA. Vardaro dominated with 13 points and 7 rebounds. Lind also stacked up 9 points and 5 rebounds. The team had good solid shooting throughout and sealed a 44-27 victory. The Andover/Exeter game provided fierce competition, especially in a season where the Girls were one of Andover's strongest Varsity teams. Playing away from their home court, surrounded by an excited crowd, the Girls worked hard and pulled through. After the first half, the team had a slim 21-19 lead, but they were determined to hold on. The Exies came back aggressively, ready to fight, but even after Exeter tied the score, Andover pulled ahead, thanks in part to Vardaro, who scored a stunning 24 points. Lind, Woodin and Freeman also played very well, shooting 7, 6, and 5 points respectively. The Big Blue came out victorious, with a final score of 41-46.

The Championship game was sad and disappointing for the Girls. Suffield dominated throughout, and the Blue let the pressure take them down. Andover lost the game, but came out on top throughout the season. The team ended with a record of 17-3. The seniors will be sorely missed next year, and the departure of Captain Woodin leaves a large hole to be filled. However, the underclassmen are ready to keep up the fight. With Vardaro as the leading scorer, garnering a brilliant 240 points, and Lind as the leading rebounder with 117 rebounds, the underclassmen have already shown their ability to take charge. Hopefully, this year's loss of the New England Championship title will be turned around again as the Girls go on to a new season.



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Next year's captain Lou Butler '02 drives the lane earleir this year against Brewster Academy.

SPORT: Basketball - girls

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Heather Woodin

MANAGERS: Brandi Flournoy, Erin Kerrison

COACH: Karen Kennedy

ASSISTANT COACH: Sarah Manekin

SEASON RECORD

WON 13 **LOST** 2 **TIED** 0

Letter Winners

Atiba, April T.
Butler, Louisa C.
Coffin, Margaret W.
Freeman, Krystal S.
Hanley, Mary K.
Kerrison, Erin M.mgr
Lind, Caroline M.

Muscatel, Mistina M.
Okike, Christine A.
Parfit, Elizabeth
Tetrault, Cortney A.
Vardaro, Danielle N.
Woodin, Heather K.©
Zukerman, Alexandra W.

Girls Basketball – Varsity
2000 – 2001

| No. | Name | Pos. | Class | Hometown |
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| 31 | Atiba, April | F | 2002 | Fairfield, CA |
| 24 | Butler, Lousia | G | 2002 | Boston, MA |
| 12 | Coffin, Margaret | G | 2003 | Westford,MA |
| 23 | Freeman, Krystal | F | 2003 | Flushing, NY |
| 10 | Hanley, Mary | F | 2004 | Seattle, WA |
| 24 | Lind, Caroline | P | 2002 | Greensboro,NC |
| 11 | Muscatel, Mistina | F | 2001 | Andover, MA |
| 21 | Okike, Christine | F | 2001 | Boylston, MA |
| 13 | Parfit, Elizabeth | F | 2001 | New York, NY |
| 14 | Tetrault, Coutney | G | 2003 | Hatfield, MA |
| 22 | Vardaro, Danielle | F | 2003 | North Reading, MA |
| 32 | Woodin, Heather | F | 2001 | Tucson, AZ |
| 15 | Zukerman, Alexandra | F | 2001 | New York, NY |

Basketball Tips off Season with Scrimmage Against Harvard



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Mimi Hanley '04 drives to the basket and converts for two during last Wednesday's defeat by a older, more organized Harvard Crimson team.

Title-Defending Girls Hoops Optimistic After Quick 5-1 Start

by Ali Rosen

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| Andover | 70 |
| Choate | 51 |
| Andover | 58 |
| Tabor | 47 |



Last year's New England champions still have the hoop on fire, winning five out of their first six games. New players Mimi Hanley '04,

Meg Coffin '03, Liz Parfit '01, Courtney Tetrault '03, Krystal Freeman '03, and April Atiba '02 add a brilliant new spark, while returning players Misty Muscatel '01, Alex Zukerman '01, Christine Okike '04, Danielle Vardaro '03, Lou Butler '02, Caroline Lind '02 and Heather Woodin '01 are holding up the old standards and are ready to defend their title.

The girls have begun with two scrimmages and six games so far. They came up short in their first scrimmage against Harvard, but the team was still in the tryout phase, and hadn't had much practice time together. The girls also lost their first game to Governor Dummer, but they haven't faltered since.

That first game to Governor

Dummer was especially disappointing for the girls, as it was their first game of the season, and their first time truly playing as a team. The court was thick with apprehension, and the score tottered back and forth. When the final buzzer sounded, the girls had lost it by four points, with a score of 40-44.

The next game was against New Jewish. The PA team was clearly more skilled than its opponent. Junior Mimi Hanley got 10 points along with Freeman and Vardaro. The game ended with a score of 55-9.

Another great triumph against Loomis-Chaffee followed on Monday. Captain Heather Woodin '01 led the scoring, slamming four three pointers and earning a total of 18 points: a season and career high. Vardaro made 14 points, Lind sealed 11 points and Henly sunk a total of 8 points. Andover came out on top, securing a 63-28 victory.

The home game against New Hampton was the team's last fall term game. It was a solid win, behind Vardaro's 17 points and Tetrault's 12. Their winning streak continued with a 55-40 win.

The first game of winter was away at Choate this past Saturday. On

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a winning streak, the girls were ready to play again. But the time off from playing clearly showed and the girls were slow out of the gates. At half time the score was 30-24, with Choate in the lead. With 5:45 on the clock, the game was tied 43-43. The girls stepped up to the challenge. Tetrault and Butler worked the outside, and Vardaro and Woodin got the baskets coming. In the final five minutes, the girls scored a remarkable 27 point, bring the final score to a not-so-close 70-51.

Wednesday's game against Tabor was a big one for the girls. The tension was high throughout the game, but the girls kept a step ahead. Playing on their own home court, the girls beat out an excellent team.

Muscatel commented "The game at Tabor today really heightened our hopes to beating Suffield, and winning New England's again."

The 58-47 final reflected a well-thought out, well-executed game.

So far the team is pleased with its season.

"We are a young team and we're still improving but we've come a long way" commented Lind.

Muscatel added "Even though we graduated seven seniors, we've worked hard. Our intensity in practice and desire to win has helped us to start anew and I see good things in the future."

Hopefully, Muscatel's predictions will prove correct, and the girls will continue with their winning streak.

Tomorrow night, the girls match up against Milton, a squad which shouldn't pose much of a threat, as long as the Blue keeps focused on sinking its shots and playing consistent defense. At least for the moment, games and standings are out there for the taking.

27-Point Run in Final Five Minutes Nets Win



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Lou Butler '02 finishes the easy layup during the girls' second half come-back.



Danielle Vardaro '03

"Even as a lower... she's very important to our success."

—Captain Heather Woodin '01

by Dan Shvartsman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Danielle started shooting hopsps awhile back, but it didn't hold any special significance to her at first. "I started in 3rd grade, but I was playing many sports back then, and I hadn't really focused on one. But my aunt had coached me when I was little, and she just really pushed me and made sure I worked hard, and that really sent me towards basketball.

"Even as a lower on the team, she's very important to our success, whether it's hitting threes, helping out on D, really in all aspects of the game."

When looking at her style, Danielle can see both the good and the bad. "My strength on the court is probably shooting, but the fact that I started a long time ago and have played a long while gives me confidence, which helps a lot. If there's something I really need to work on, it's ball handling. I need to get to the point where I can really help out the guards. My goal every game is to have a consistent shot and to help out at guard." Danielle doesn't like to limit herself in a game either. "I like to think my perfect game is doing a little bit of everything, passing up the shot if it's not there, but taking some liberties, because I know we have great post players in Caroline Lind '02 and Christine Okike '01. And it's great to play in a neck-and-neck game, where it's really close. Blowing a team out is nice, but the back and forth play of a close game is really fun."

The girls' team is coming off a New England Prep Championship, and Danielle sees no reason why they can't repeat the feat.

"Obviously our goal is to win another title, to make it all the way. At the beginning of the season, I didn't really think we'd be quite as good as last year, but we've progressed. Seeing us in practice everyday and at games, I really think that we're right up there; we just really click as a team." With one of their main pieces in place and firing for the next three years, their future looks pretty solid too.

She was a big influence on my focus on the sport. That, and I was tall then too." When she needs a little motivation in her game, Danielle looks no further than her captain. "I think everybody pushes me, but if I had to really pick out someone who drives me, it would be (Captain) Heather (Woodin). She's the one I try to match in practice and the girl whom I base myself against." Woodin reflects the praise, saying about Vardaro,



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Being an underclassman on a Varsity, senior-laden team can be somewhat intimidating. But with one year on the team under her belt, this week's Athlete of The Week Danielle Vardaro '03 feels no pressure. This lower and two-year Varsity member led the girls' basketball team to a come-from-behind win over Choate, and then contributed mightily in a win over Tabor.

Danielle's spectacular 2000-2001 start is the result of a few changes. Previously a guard, she has adjusted to playing the "3" spot, or small forward this season. Whatever doubt was held about her abilities was washed away when she lit it up against Choate late in the game on Saturday. As she described it, "There was 5:43 left in the 2nd half and we just got tied up in the game for the first time, 43-43. Right after that everything started to click for us, all our shots just fell in. (Heather) Woodin '01 and I combined to score seven three pointers over those last five minutes, and we ended up scoring 27 as a team over that time." Danielle had a great 2nd half overall, tallying seventeen points to finish with nineteen.

Danielle plays a unique role in PA athletics in that she is a young leader on her team. "I think I'm a leader on this team. I try to talk it up, get us moving, I think it helps me feel like more of a part of this team," she states. Danielle doesn't mind being one of the younger names on the roster. "It's actually really fun. Sometimes I get really nervous about the expectations, but this is my main sport and I feel I should succeed."

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| Andover | 58 |
| Deerfield | 48 |

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| Andover | 63 |
| Nobles | 27 |



Girl's Basketball continued their winning streak this week with two fabulous wins. This past Saturday, Andover squared off against Deerfield, one of the

team's many rivals. Last year the New England champions beat the girls from Deerfield, but it was a tough game. The girls played well on Saturday, putting together an amazing comeback.

The girls played solidly in the first

half, with good defense and high percentage shooting. Captain Heather Woodin '01 provided senior leadership on the court, and Caroline Lind '02 shot well and played aggressive defensive. At halftime the girls were trailing 31-20. However, when the clock started for the second half, the girls put up an even better fight. Danielle Vardaro '03 took control under the hoop, shooting 70% from the free throw line, and racking up 12 points. Christine Okike also landed 12. With 8 minutes left on the clock, Lind swished the tying basket. Within a few minutes the girls had pulled ahead, and the end result was a score of 58-48 in favor of Andover.

The game on Wednesday at home was filled with excitement as the girls took on Nobles. PA was the more experienced team in the contest, yet they were still going to have to put up a fight.

A crowd gathered, and from the start the girls began to work their magic with Vardaro scoring two baskets. The girls played on top of their game as the Nobles ladies barely fazed them. PA continued to lead throughout the game. Nobles did not play overly aggressive, not applying the press, which allowed Andover to set up their offense much easilier. At the end of the first half PA led 29-15. The second half continued with the same momentum.

Woodin took the top scoring position with 15 points, and Vardaro added 10. Lind and Liz Parfit '01 also scored a clean 8 each, while Okike, Meg Coffin '03, Crystal Freeman '03 and April Attiba '02 all brought in 4 solid points each. In the end the girls dunked Nobles with a victorious score of 63-27. The team's record continues to stay stellar at 9-1, their only defeat coming in the first game of the season. Friday, the girls take on Cushing, 1999 Interscholastic Champions.



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Alex Zuckerman '01 goes in for a layup against her Nobles defender. The girls held Nobles to twelve points in the second half Wednesday.

Tick Off Two for Girls Hoops; Second Half Key to Late Wins

Blue Shooters Take Home Two Wins

by Ali Rosen

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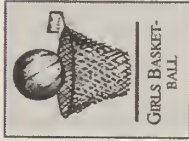
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BB&N**

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Girls Varsity

Basketball has pulled in two more wins this week, keeping up their stellar momentum. The game against Brewster was solid for the girls,

as they played up their home court advantage. Danielle Vardaro '03 put out a great performance, dominating the court and pulling in 13 points along with 7 rebounds. Right behind her was Caroline Lind '02 with 9 points and 5 rebounds. These two kept the court

down, along with captain Heather Woodin '01. Woodin played well, shooting a few thee pointers and keeping everyone stable. Everyone worked hard to pull together, and the end of the game was very well played. The Big Blue dribbled unstoppable through the press; the plays seemed to go perfectly. The girls moved the ball around expertly and executed great passes. They hit the open people, and nailed their shots. The girls ended with a good score of 44-27.

The BB&N game exposed the girls' need to pull together, though they did eke out a win. The game started slowly, and the intensity wasn't there for either team. Lind picked it up, reaching high and yanking down some rebounds. Vardaro was the high scorer again, and Woodin played very aggressively and was a dominant force on the court, leading her team. The lowers held up their end of the game, with Krystal Freeman

'03 putting up a tough defense and Courtney Tetrault '03 working hard to push the ball up the court. The game picked up in the end for a solid Andover win.

Overall, the girls are gearing up for the tournament. With a few more games to go, the girls are working hard on their execution and fine tuning. They are ready to rev it up a little. Varsity Basketball is seeded number 2 in the tournament, behind only the '99 champs, Suffield. But the girls have a game today against NMH, and they are ready to strut their stuff. They already dominated NMH once this season, but only beat them by one point. Next Saturday the girls will be ready to beat Exeter again. It will be a hard game, since it is Andover-Exeter and it's on the Exie's home court. However, the girls are ready to continue their winning streak with a record of 14-2.



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Alex Zuckerman '01 drives the ball down the court in Andover's 44-27 victory over Brewster Academy.

Girls' Basketball Hits a High Note; Takes Sole Andover-Exeter Victory

by Ali Rosen

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Andover
Exeter

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Andover/Exeter is always the fiercest competition of the year, and the Girls' Varsity Basketball team came to New Hampshire ready to play. The ladies skillfully pulled off the only Varsity win last Saturday at Exeter.

It was a satisfying way to end an impressive 13-2 season. All they have left is the tournament, for which they are currently seeded second. But after the gutsy game the girls played on Saturday, they seem poised to defend the New England Championship they earned last year.

The game started off slowly for the Andover girls. Exeter got two shots in a row, and then sunk a foul shot which put them up five points. However, the girls were not ready to fall behind so early in the game. Christine Okike '01 jumped high and pulled down a strong rebound. Courtney Tetrault '03, brought the ball up, and passed to Danielle Vardaro '03 who threw up a three-pointer that put the girls back into the game. Caroline Lind '02 followed with an easy two, tying the game. Vardaro then sank a pair of baskets.

SLAM got the crowd cheering exuberantly, and when the girls stepped back onto the court, Vardaro stole the ball from the Exies and laid up two more. Vardaro was then fouled, and she ticked off one more point on the foul shot. After a foul on Okike, PA was in possession, and Vardaro added two more to the board. Exeter responded by laying up two, but Lind sent the crowd into a frenzy as she pulled the ball back downcourt and put in two more for the Big Blue. Exeter burst out making a tough throw from the free throw line to add two more to their score.

The game went on without scoring, until Heather Woodin '01 stole the ball, passing to Vardaro who sunk another three-pointer. Andover contin-

ued the fire with four more points, two by Krystal Freeman '03, and two more by Vardaro.

Exeter bore its teeth, scoring four points and almost pushing Mimi Hanley '04 off the court. Andover tried to respond, grabbing rebounds all over the place, but no one was able to sink her shots. Exeter swished a three, landing the Big Red only two points behind Andover. When the buzzer sounded at the end of the first half, the scoreboard read 21-19, Andover holding a slim lead.

The second half revealed that the Exies had gotten fired up during halftime. They scored three right off the bat, putting them ahead one. Vardaro responded quickly, putting the girls in blue ahead once more with a two and a

three-pointer. The Exeter girls fought back by scoring another two and fouling Okike; she sunk her foul shot, keeping the Andover girls ahead by three.

After a minute without scoring, Exeter laid up another two, but they were fouled and subsequently added another point to their score. Vardaro put down two more, but Exeter came back with another two, putting the game at an even 29-29.

From there the game became even more aggressive. Exeter made two, but Woodin ran ahead to give Andover two more. Freeman was fouled while making one of her free throws, and after a time out, she added two more points. Exeter then scored two, and

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LADY HOOPSTERS DEFEAT EXETER; SLAM CHOATE

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Lind and Woodin answered by scoring two each for the Big Blue. Lind was fouled and added another point on the board. There were two bad calls by the referee; one alleged foul on Freeman severely aggravated the Andover fans. Exeter sunk two more, but Vardaro again worked her magic to add another two to the board. Lou Butler '02 made a quick steal, and the crowd erupted in cheers. Woodin followed, making two more and inspiring the Andover fans to rise to their feet chanting "It's all over!" to the Exies. Butler was fouled, but she swished both shots.

Exeter desperately tried to come back by adding two more to the board. Vardaro unintentionally knocked over a girl in an attempt to steal the ball, giving Exeter two foul shots, both of which went in. Vaardaro was fouled, and made one of her two foul shots. Finally putting an end to the frenzied action, the clock sounded with Andover victorious: 46-41.

The girls played an excellent game, especially Vardaro, who came out with her best game of the season: she pulled in 24 points. Lind, Woodin and Freeman also played well, shooting 7, 6, and 5 points respectively. After winning their first round in the New England champs against Choate, 61-33, the Blue girls have high hopes for the future.

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Led by Lower Danielle Vardaro's 24 points, Andover triumphed over Exeter 46-41.

Heather Woodin - Girls Basketball

by Emily O'Brien
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The Girl's Varsity Basketball team has their sights set on repeating last year's championship season and they just may accomplish that amazing feat. Their success this season is due in great part to their captain, Heather Woodin '01, and her skillful leadership.

This year's basketball team is a relatively young one, and Woodin has succeeded in encouraging and unifying the team. According to Caroline Lind '02, "Heather has been a consistent leader throughout the season. She has helped unite a young team, especially by encouraging and building the confidence levels of the younger players."

A four year player on the varsity team, Woodin began playing basketball in sixth grade. She had always shot around with her older brother and his friends, however, and credits her brother's encouragement as the reason she became involved with the game. In addition, she has had some great coaches along the way who have had a significant impact on her game.

"My AAU coach, who I play for during the summer, has had the most impact on my play. Coach Kennedy, the coach here at PA, is great. She shows us the mental parts of the game, forces us to see our mistakes, as well as learn to take the game into our own hands, and see our own problems," said Woodin.

The season has been a memorable one, as all of the team members are close to one another, due, in large part, to Woodin's leadership. One of the most unforgettable moments came in a contest against Choate. The Blue team came from behind and scored 25 points in the last five minutes of the game for an amazing win. However, there have also been struggles during the season. One of the most difficult moments was the loss to Suffield.

"We traveled to their gym, where we found stands packed with cheering fans -- not for us, though. In this situation, our youth hurt us, we got psyched out and we weren't able to play our game," she recalled.

The greatest challenge has been the

team's youth. "Especially this year, a lot of the younger players look up to the seniors to lead them. Therefore, I think it is really important to lead by example," commented Woodin. And lead she has, according to Courtney Tetrault '03, a new lower on the team: "Heather is a very consistent player. Everyone knew they could rely on her. Even when Heather isn't playing, she always talks it up, offering advice and encouragement from the sidelines." Woodin feels that perhaps her greatest contribution to the team is her experience. "I've been on the team for four years, I'm used to clutch moments," she remarked.

Despite the team's youth, Woodin thinks one of the team's major strong points is its depth. "Each player contributes so much to the team, we have a very well rounded squad," she pointed out. However, composure is something Woodin thinks the team can and has improved upon: "Composure comes with time, and I think our team is almost there. We are becoming more relaxed on the court, and we are more focused."

Last year's team was an incredible one, and for Woodin winning the

championship was an amazing experience. It is the team's goal this year to repeat that accomplishment. "I am really excited to be entering the tournament as the second seed. I know we are good enough to win the championships," she affirmed.

Woodin has shown excellent leadership skills, great talent, and a great work ethic throughout the season. According to Misty Muscatel '01, "Heather showed complete confidence in stepping up to the role of captain and made it known that she was there for everyone. Everyday she demonstrated a great work ethic that set a high standard for everyone."

Christine Okike '01, another four year varsity player commented that, "Heather is an amazing athlete, a real asset to any team, and her strong work ethic has helped to unify the squad." With a stellar record, a great leader as captain, and the will to win, Girl's Varsity Basketball has high hopes for the year's championship. Woodin commented, "We are good enough to win the championships. We have a young team, but I think we have the ability to overcome this, play with composure, and play to win."



Suffield Academy Spoils Girls Basketball's Hopes At Repeat

by Ali Rosen

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Girls' Varsity Basketball had a stellar season, played with heart and guts, finishing up with a second place in the New England's. Led by

Coach Karen Kennedy, the Girls were all fired up and ready to go from the beginning.

The returnees included four seniors: Captain Heather Woodin '01, Misty Muscatel '01, Alex Zukerman '01, and Christine Okike '01, and three underclassmen: Danielle Vardaro '03, Lou Butler '02 and Caroline Lind '02.

They were joined by six excellent new players: Liz Parfit '01, April Atiba '02, Meg Coffin '03, Courtney Tetrault '03, Krystal Freeman '03, and Mimi Hanley '04. Muscatel commented at the beginning of the season, "Even though we graduated seven seniors, we've worked hard." The Girls began with two scrimmages, falling short at the hand of both Governor Dummer and Harvard. However, the losses stopped there, and the girls began a successful and seemingly flawless season.

Girls' Basketball's first season game was against New Jewish. Junior Mimi Haley sank 10 points as did Freeman and Vardaro. PA came out on top, 55-9. The team continued with a strong win over Loomis-Chaffee. Captain Heather Woodin earned four three-pointers and took in 18 points total, a season and a career high. Vardaro made 14 points, Lind, 11, and Hanley sunk 8. The Blue ended the game with a solid 63-28 victory. The last fall-term game was played against New Hampton. It was a firm win, with

Vardaro netting 17 points and Tetrault, 12. The final score was 55-40.

Winter's first contest was away at Choate. After a month without a game, the Girls were ready to play, but the weeks without practice showed in the first half. At half-time, Choate led, 30-24, but when 5:45 came up on the clock, the game was tied at 43-43. The Girls were pumped up and back in their best form. Tetrault and Butler stayed outside, and Vardaro and Woodin worked their shooting skills. Within the last five minutes, Blue scored an incredible 27 points, winning the game by a comfortable margin, 70-51. Tabor, a fierce competitor, was up next. The girls from Tabor were raring to go, but the Big Blue stayed on top. Muscatel commented, "The game at Tabor today really heightened our hopes to beating Suffield, and winning the New England's again." The 58-47 score proved that the Girls were primed and ready.

The game against Milton presented one of the more aggressive teams the Big Blue had faced, but was undaunted. The Andover Girls' sank ninety percent of their shots and Woodin sunk 11 points, with Freeman snagging a close 10. Milton was tough, but the Blue was tougher and the contest ended at 51-34. The Northfield Mount Hermon game brought another welcome win, but saw some disappointing playing. The NMH girls figured out PA's outside shooting strategy, and held a tight outside defense. The top scorers, Tetrault and Freeman both scored only 8 points.

The game ended with a tantalizingly close win, 40-39. Atiba remarked, "I think the team has been playing well,

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With her team leading 117 rebounds, Caroline Lind '02 was a force for the Girls Basketball team underneath the hoop.

SPORT: Hockey- boys

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Steve Mead, Scott Ward

MANAGERS: Ronalda Sedeno, Desirae Simmons

COACH: Dean Boylan

ASSISTANT COACH: Tom Guden

SEASON RECORD

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Letter Winners

Breen, David K.
Butcher, Corbin S.
Cropp, Ian H.
Daniels, Timothy C.
Darci, Scott A.
Doherty, John J.
Eberlein, Justin D.
Howe, Robert H.
Linnemann, Roger P.
Mead, Steven R.©
Murphy, Patrick M.

Novak, Theodore J.
O'Rourke, Thomas B.
Paa, Michael D.
Peltz, Matthew H.
Rotondi, Eugene B.
Salini, Andrew J.
Smotherman, Zachary L.
Ward, Andrew M.
Ward, Scott M.©
Weiner, Christopher G.

Boys Hockey– Varsity 2000 – 2001

| No. | Name | Pos | Hgt. | Wgt. | Class | Hometown |
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| 2 | Scott Darci | D | 5'9 | 178 | 2001 | Marblehead, MA |
| 3 | Robert Howe | D | 5'11 | 195 | 2002 | Alexandria, VA |
| 5 | Scott Ward * | D | 6'1 | 195 | 2001 | Boxford, MA |
| 7 | Matthew Peltz | D | 6'1 | 200 | 2002 | Mt. Kisco, NY |
| 8 | Patrick Linnemann | F | 6'0 | 175 | 2002 | Andover, MA |
| 9 | Paul Chiozzi | F | 5'10 | 160 | 2003 | Andover, MA |
| 10 | Ian Cropp | F | 5'9 | 180 | 2001 | Williamsville, NY |
| 11 | Steve Mead * | D | 5'9 | 180 | 2001 | Warminster, PA |
| 12 | Corbin Butcher | F | 6'0 | 175 | 2001 | Miami, FL |
| 14 | Christopher Weiner | D | 5'9 | 185 | 2001 | Andover, MA |
| 15 | Patrick Murphy | D | 6'0 | 167 | 2001 | Hanover, NH |
| 16 | David Breen | F | 6'1 | 185 | 2002 | North Andover, MA |
| 17 | Zachary Smotherman | F | 6'2 | 200 | 2002 | Westborough, MA |
| 18 | Tim Daniels | F | 5'11 | 185 | 2001 | Topsfield, MA |
| 19 | Andrew Ward | D | 6'1 | 168 | 2003 | Boxford, MA |
| 21 | John Doherty | F/D | 6'2 | 200 | 2003 | Lynnfield, MA |
| 24 | Andrew Salini | F | 6'3 | 200 | 2002 | Andover, MA |
| 25 | Eugene Rotondi | F | 5'8 | 180 | 2001 | Winchester, MA |
| 27 | Thomas O'Rourke | F/D | 6'4 | 215 | 2002 | Reading, MA |
| 30 | Justin Eberlein | G | 6'1 | 180 | 2002 | St. Louis, MO |
| 31 | Theodore Novak | G | 6'0 | 170 | 2001 | Chicago, IL |
| 33 | Michael Paa | G | 5'11 | 160 | 2001 | Del Mar, CA |
| | Dean Boylan | F | 6'0 | 200 | 2003 | Andover, MA |



Hockey Drops Disappointing Season Opener to St. Paul's 2-1



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First line Center Scott Darci '01 fails to stuff home a loose rebound late in the first period.

Mixed Opening for Boys Ice Hockey; Flood-Marr Tourney Disappointing

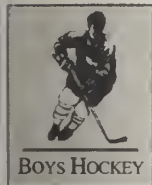
by Jon Linnemann
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| Andover | 5 |
| Bridgton | 2 |
| Andover | 1 |
| Choate | 4 |

PA 7 - Harvard JV 3 @ Harvard

PA came out ready to play, quickly jumping to a 5-0 lead at Bright Arena in Cambridge, Ma. Although Harvard JV retaliated, they were never able to come within striking distance, thanks to the



solid goalkeeping by Theo Novak '01. Harvard JV was able to sneak a few goals by and come within two, all to no avail. Leading 5-3, PA successfully closed out Harvard with two more goals. Both David Breen '02 and Zack Smotherman '02 had exceptional games, recording two goals each, while Andy Salini '02 added a goal and an assist. Offensively, PA was led by Gino Rotundi '01, who notched one goal and set up two others. John Doherty '03 also added to the scoreboard with a goal of

his own. Defensively, co-captains Scott Ward '01, with two assists, and Steve Mead '01, with one assist, had very strong games, allowing few scoring chances for Harvard.

PA 3 - New Hampton 1 @ PA

The boy's varsity hockey team topped New Hampton three to one in a high intensity game. Thanks to the help of Ian Cropp '01, who scored a goal in each period, PA successfully outplayed New Hampton throughout the game. Gino Rotundi and Scott Ward, both with two assists, had impressive games, helping to set up Cropp's hat trick. Steve Mead had yet another strong game defensively, and with the exceptional goalkeeping of Theo Novak, PA was able to hold New Hampton to a mere twenty-two shots. While Cropp came up big in this game, the Big Blue's offense was facilitated by the play of Zack Smotherman, who played well up front in the offensive zone.

Milton 5 - PA 2 @ Milton (Flood-Marr Tournament)

Andover's play in the third period was to blame for the defensive break down. After two solid periods of hockey, the score was set at 1-0. While

Milton capitalized on their power play with a goal, the scoreboard soon showed a score of 4-2. The game was never out of the reach for Andover until the very end when Milton scored their fifth goal with nine seconds left. Zack Smotherman and Tom O'Rourke '02 netted Andover's only two goals. PA was never able to get anything going, while Milton took advantage of the opportunities they had.

Milton 5 - PA 3 @ Nobles & Greenough (Flood-Marr Tournament)

Three days prior to this game, PA had faced off with Milton at Milton, and lost 5-2. Once again Milton came out strong in the first and jumped out to an

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early lead. They were able to stay in the game until the end, but it was Milton who came out victorious. The Big Blue played hard throughout much of the game, but they were unable to capitalize on scoring opportunities. The absence of Scott Darci '01, due to a broken rib, was felt on both sides of the puck and for the second time in less than a week Andover fell twice to Nobles.

Salisbury 5 - PA 3 @ Milton (Flood-Marr Tournament)

On the morning of December the 16th, Andover battled Salisbury. Unfortunately, it was Salisbury who came out victorious in this game. PA fought hard, but was not able to generate much offense as Salisbury showered the net with shots on Theo Novak. Tom O'Rourke was set up twice by Patrick Linnemann '02 as he led the team in scoring, with two goals.

Deerfield 4 - PA 1 @ Nobles and Greenough (Flood-Marr Tournament)

Deerfield entered the game as one of the strongest teams in the league, and had yet to display their talents against Andover's squad. Fatigue played a factor in the game, as Andover had already been defeated that morning by Salisbury. Even so, PA played hard and was able to put up a good fight. Theo Novak had an exceptional game, allow-

ing his team to stay in the game. Rob Howe '02 played particularly well for Andover playing solid defense. Despite their efforts, Deerfield's great depth in their bench prevailed in the Big Green victory.

PA 3 - Kimball Union Academy 1 @ Nobles and Greenough (Flood- Marr Tournament)

Up to this point in the tournament, PA had not fared as well as they might have hoped, but none the less, they were looking to turn the tides. They went head to head with Kimball Union Academy early in the morning of Sunday the 17th of December. Zack Smotherman helped the Big Blue get off to a quick start, while Michael Paa '01 got the call in goal and responded, only allowing one goal. The defense was led by co-captains Scott Ward and Steve Mead who played strong, keeping much of the play above the blue line and giving PA the opportunities they needed in order to win this one.

Choate 4 - PA 1 @ Choate

For not having played for over two weeks, Andover, surprisingly, came into this game with great intensity. Choate set the tone early by playing a fast, up-tempo game, but the Big Blue was able to hold their own. They played a strong game through the first two periods. Sloppy play, however, led to defensive zone breakdowns and allows

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Boys' hockey co-captain Steve Mead '01 lines up a shot against New Hampton last December. Strong defense was the key to PA's 3-1 win.

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Zack Smotherman '02 wards off a Bridgton defender as the two head into the corner and behind the net.

Choate to score late goals. PA entered the third with the score knotted at one goal apiece, but the late goals proved too much for Andover to handle.

PA 5 - Bridgton Academy 2 @ PA

Entering Wednesday's game against Bridgton Academy, the PA boy's varsity team was coming off of a devastating loss this past Saturday against Choate. They hoped to redeem themselves this week against a Bridgton team, one, which was full of post graduates, many of whom were much older than the PA boys themselves. Setting their goals high, PA hoped to walk away with a win after this one was over and gain momentum as they headed into Saturday's match-up with Exeter.

In the first few minutes, PA jumped to a quick lead when Scott Darci put one in the net with the help of Gino Rotundi and Zack Smotherman. Their first line, consisting of Darci, Rotundi, and Smotherman, had an exceptional game, and netted four out of the five goals scored by PA. The second and third goals, both scored by Gino Rotundi, came late in the first period. Bridgton however retaliated, and scored two of their own goals in the first period. At the conclusion of the first period, with PA up 3-2, it seemed as though it would be a high scoring affair. The second period saw much action, but no scoring. Each team had sufficient chances to put one away, but both goalies neglected all scoring chances. Theo Novak came up big in clutch situations, and had a solid all around performance. It wasn't until the third period until PA started to put the game away. Early in the third period, Patrick Linnemann ended the scoring drought and out PA up by a score of 4-2. With newly found confidence, Scott Darci scored his second goal, with an assist coming from Gino Rotundi. The core of five defensemen, Scott Ward, Steve Mead, Drew Ward '03, Rob Howe, and Pat Murphy '01 all played exceptionally well.

If one word could summarize the game, it would be, physical. Both teams played a hard-hitting game, which resulted in penalties for both teams. The combination of physical play as well as talent shown by both teams created an exciting game. It was PA who won battles in the corners, and it is through these that gave them the edge over Bridgton. Three out of the five goals were scored directly following scurries in the corner, which were a direct result of the pressure applied to the opponents defense.

This game was truly a team effort, with everyone contributing to both the offensive and defensive sides of the puck. With this win, Andover now looks ahead to one of the biggest games of the year this Saturday night against archrival Exeter.

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Scott Darci '01 faces off against Bridgton

First Goal too Little Against Nobles; Late Push too Little Versus Lawrence

by John Linnemann
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| Nobles | 4 |
| Andover | 1 |
| Lawrence Academy | 2 |
| Andover | 0 |



If one word could describe this game, it would be 'sporadic'. PA jumped to a quick start against Nobles Saturday, playing very well throughout the first period. This strong start gave them momentum, which appeared as if it might carry over to the next periods. However, that momentum changed quickly in the second period, which led to Nobles' eventual come-from-behind win, one that was devastating to the PA team. For the second straight game Andover was missing captain Steve Mead '01, and Andy Salini '02 and Scott Darci '01 due to injury. Facing a team like Nobles, they knew they had to play a tough game for three periods to stay with them.

Despite the efforts of each team, neither was able to capitalize on scoring opportunities. Andover played well in the defensive zone, keeping the puck deep in Nobles' zone for much of the first period. Heading into the locker room after the first, PA knew that they had played well but still needed to

make improvements.

PA scored first, when Ian Cropp '01 put one in the net, the lone tally for the Blue. Setting him up were Gino Rotundi '01 and Zack Smotherman '02, but they were unable to find the back of the net for the remainder of the game. About five minutes into the second period, things began to fall apart. PA's defense became sloppy, allowing Nobles to capitalize on numerous scoring chances. This was an essential point in the game, for it marked the momentum switch in favor of Nobles. After Cropp's goal, they quickly retaliated, scoring four quick unanswered goals. PA was able to hold off Nobles in the third period, with help from Theo Novak '01, who had 37 saves in a valiant effort. At the end of the game, the scoreboard read 4-1 in favor of Nobles.

Coming off that devastating loss to Noble & Greenough on Saturday, Andover knew that they had to play physical against a strong and talented Lawrence Academy team. Although PA had few scoring opportunities in the first period, they began to apply pressure on Lawrence and as a result produced quality shots on net.

Lawrence Academy struck first, with a goal by Jon Swift '03, an Andover native, and at the end of the first period, the score remained 1-0 in favor of Lawrence Academy. With gained confidence, PA was able to play

more aggressively in the second period, with a number of scoring drives. Lawrence Academy's goalie, Erik Gerogosion '02, had a great game in net, coming up big against the Big Blue and stopping key shots. Although PA was playing very well to this point, nothing seemed to be going their way. Lawrence Academy's Jon Swift racked up another goal on the night, putting Lawrence Academy up 2-0; however, PA did not stop fighting.

Although trailing by two goals, PA proceeded to outplay Lawrence in the third period. They stepped up their game, crashing the net hard all period long, trying to put one away. With numerous rebounds, PA had plenty of opportunities, but it seemed as though they just couldn't get one in the net. Not only was PA's defensive stepping up, but their offense was able to put lots of pressure on the Nobles defense, causing them to cough up the puck easily. PA took advantage of these instances, adding to their shot totals with countless shots on net. With 1:30 left in the game, PA pulled their goalie, in hope of scoring with an extra skater. With Cropp, Rotundi, Smotherman, Pat Linnemann '02, Mead, and Ward '01 on the ice, PA was able to move the puck around nicely, waiting for the perfect opportunity to put one home. Their chance finally came with thirty seconds left in the period, when

Rotundi was able to tip Ward's shot through the legs of Gerogosion. Despite their efforts, PA was unable to add the equalizer in the remaining thirty seconds.

Even with a loss coming out of this game, PA had to feel good about the way they played. In the defensive zone, co-captains Mead and Ward played strong, physical games, presenting Lawrence with few scoring chances. Rob Howe '02 contributed in the defensive zone as well. Novak accomplished exactly what he needed to do in this game; he kept his team in the game and gave them a chance to win. Even though he allowed two goals, he played a consistent and strong game in net.

PA's loss marks their third in a row, with their last win coming against Exeter over a week ago. Their next game is home against Loomis-Chaffee in which the team looks to end their three game skid.

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Forward Ian Cropp '01 nets Andover's only goal, going top shelf, in a 4-1 loss to Nobles Saturday.

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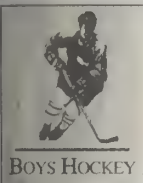
Undefeated Cushing Downs Andover

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| Andover | 5 |
| Pingree | 2 |

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| Andover | 4 |
| Belmont Hill | 4 |

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| Cushing | 10 |
| Andover | 2 |



Shades of green, white and blue were all that was seen on Friday, but after three periods of play the only thing evident was blue. Following

Friday's home game against Pingree, PA had successfully tied four consecutive wins down underneath their belts. Coming off a marginal win against K.U.A. last Wednesday, PA was hoping to outplay Pingree from the beginning, and they were able to do so in their 5-2 win.

Although not one of their better games, PA seemed to play down to the level of their opponents. Pingree, obviously not a powerhouse team, had a mediocre performance against the Big Blue. However, PA was unable to capitalize on their opponents' foremost weakness. Although they played well, as a team they have played much better. Nonetheless, their effort, or lack thereof, enabled them to pull away

with yet another win.

Offensively, PA netted five goals over the course of forty-five minutes of play. Clearly, PA crashed the net well and was able to put away the rebounds. PA's offensive out break was co-led by Zack Smotherman '02 and Scott Darci '01, each with a pair of goals and assists. In response to their lead, the two co-captains, Scott Ward '01 and Steve Mead '01, followed in the path already established by Darci and Smotherman. Combined, Ward and Mead had a goal and three assists, which only added to the numbers mounting on the scoreboard.

The same intensity that was apparent in the offensive zone was upheld in the defensive zone, restraining Pingree to a limited amount of shots and only two goals. Led by three seniors, Steve Mead, Scott Ward, and Theo Novak, Big Blue stood strong against what seemed to be Pingree's offensive surges.

This win denotes PA's fourth in their last four games, but must be looked at from a broader perspective. They must expand on their strengths and learn from their mistakes. Their next encounter was against Belmont Hill on Saturday, a team well respected throughout the league. PA must step up their game if they want to haul in another win.

In a game where both teams played hard and displayed what they had, it ended in an undecided fashion. With the score 4-4 going into overtime, it

remained that way and the scoreboard read 4-4 at the end of the game. Just like dogs chasing cats, in this game, it seemed that one team would go up by a goal or two and then the other team would quickly retaliate.

In the offensive zone, PA was able to keep solid pressure on Belmont's defensemen, causing multiple turnovers and scoring opportunities. As a result, Scott Darci put away two goals, both resulting from pressure in PA's offensive zone. Defensively, PA stood their ground, playing a very physical game. Scott Ward and Steve Mead helped the defensive surge while others followed in their footsteps. Theo Novak '01 added to this excellent play with his contributions in the net. As a team, PA won many of the on-on-one battles, and was able to play at an even par level with Belmont. However, a few brain lapses here and there led to Belmont's goals, and in the end turned out to be very costly.

In a game where reputation meant nothing and pride was put out on the line, PA fared well. Although not as well as they would have preferred, they walked away from this one with a tie. Their next game was away on Wednesday against Cushing, a game which will challenge PA's ability both as a team and individually.

It was all Cushing in this game. PA was able to show a few signs of life, but for the most part Cushing suppressed any opportunities that arose on the PA bench. The game ended in the same manner as it began, which is unsightly. Cushing was able to win 10-2 with relative ease, and in doing so they ended PA's winning streak.

Going into this game, Cushing was undefeated, with over twenty-five wins on the season. With an overall great hockey program, they had great depth offensively, defensively, and in net. They obviously were very well disciplined and practiced, as shown through their tremendous passing and in their play as a team overall. Intimidated right from the get go, PA was able to put it aside at times, but in general were never able to amount to anything or get into any real rhythm.

Cushing came out flying in this game, and there was nothing PA could do about it. Putting forth what effort they had did little to help PA's play, as Cushing had a comfortable 6-0 lead after the first period. Although this hit PA hard, they tried not to let it get to them, and did a decent job in doing so. Allowing only four goals over the next two periods, PA also added two of their own goals to the scoreboard during the second and third periods.

Never getting into a groove, PA's offensive play came in bits and pieces. As a whole, their offensive attack was weak, with poor fore checking and little crashing of the net. Scott Darci and Matt Peltz '02 had the two lone goals, while Pat Linnemann '02 and Zack Smotherman helped set them up. Defensively, PA lacked intensity and strength, as their attempts to hold the blue line failed.

Although it was a tough lose, there were a few positive moments throughout the game, and much of the team saw playing time. Using this game as a building block, PA must look forward to their next game against Tabor , and the needn't ponder much on this one.

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Smotherman and Darci Lead Way for Weekend's Victories



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Scott Darci '01 celebrates his second goal of the game, which propelled Andover into overtime against Belmont Hill. -p. 10 for complete story

Boys Hockey Team Continues Four Game Slide; Look Forward to Weekend Matchup With Exeter

by John Linnemann
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| Tabor | 4 |
| Andover | 1 |
| NMH | 4 |
| Andover | 2 |



As the season winds down for the Andover's boys hockey squad, the team hopes to build their confidence for a hotly contested upcoming game against Exeter.

Unfortunately, PA was unable to pull out wins against Tabor, as they lost at home 4-1. Few things went in PA's direction, but spurts of energy were apparent at various points during the game. Led by seniors, Scott Darci '01 who scored

PA's lone goal, Steve Mead '01, and Scott Ward '01, who both assisted Darci, PA showed a bits of offensive explosion. The same held true for defensive zone as well.

Defensive zone breakdowns led to Tabor's four goals, and inevitably the game. Theo Novak '01 played well in net.

Going into the game against NMH, PA hoped to build on their positives from last game and learn from the negatives.

However, PA was unable to break their three game slide. Andover came out of the locker room with high intensity, but hard work didn't seem to pay off for the Big Blue. Losing tough battles at both ends of the ice took its toll on the PA squad, and defensive zone

broke the Andover/Exeter record by breakdowns led to a 4-2 loss.

Two key defensive zone breakdowns occurred late in the first period, as NMH was able to capitalize on these and slip two goals past Novak. Upon clearing the ice after the first period and heading into the locker rooms, the scoreboard read 2-0 in favor of NMH.

Nonetheless, PA was quick to retaliate entering the second period. David Breen '02 scored in the second, while PA played strong and held the blue line in their defensive zone.

With the exception of Breen's goal, the second period saw hard fought battles, strong play in the defensive zone, and little scoring at both ends of the ice. At times, both teams controlled the puck well in their offensive zone, but for the most part, the defensive play by both teams was strong. For PA, the two co-captains, Scott Ward and Steve Mead, led the way by playing tough and physical defensively.

Heading into the third period, the scoreboard remained 2-1 in favor of NMH, but the game was still up for grabs. PA evened up the score early in the third period when Steve Mead passed one to Gino Rotondi '01 who slid it passed the NMH goalie. However, after that point, PA's offense could not strike again. NMH was held to a minimum number of shots for most of the third period, until with four minutes left to play in regulation, when they scored once again, putting them ahead 3-2. NMH further added to this lead with an open net goal at the end of the game, totaling their offensive explosion at 4 goals.



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Goalie Theo Novak '01 played solidly in the net for Andover, despite upsetting losses to Tabor and NMH.

Offensively and defensively, PA played tough and put forth a valiant effort, but nothing seemed to go their way. With a second tough lose in a row, PA must focus on what they have to do to prepare for their next game,

unquestionably their biggest game of the season. Andover will miss Drew Ward '03 in Saturday's game after breaking his collar-bone early in Wednesday's game.

Exeter Boys Hockey Glides to Victory

by John Linnemann
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Exeter Andover

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PA's last game of the season was the match up against PA's long time rival, and also marked the last game for many players on the squad.

Andover-Exeter weekend built up the intensity of the game and although PA had already topped Exeter 2-0 earlier in the season, each team was focused solely on winning. As Coach Dean Boylan put it, "This game will either make or break the whole season." The team knew the magnitude of the game, and PA took to the ice, led by their seniors on the team.

The game plan of outworking and Exeter throughout the game, PA was able to start off the game well. However, Exeter was able to sneak one by Theo Novak '01 in the first period. Aside from that, PA held Exeter to only one goal in the opening period. Defensively, PA appeared to have things under control, playing strong and holding their blue line well. Overall, with the exception of a few infrequent defensive breakdowns, PA seemed to be playing very solidly. At the other

end of the ice, PA struggled to accomplish anything. Their offense fought hard, but did not create any scoring opportunities. Their passes were not on target and they only managed to out a few quality shots net. The Big Blue cleared the ice after the first period with the scoreboard reading 1-0, in favor of Exeter.

As the second period began, Andover's hopes of crawling back into the game were quickly diminished. Exeter scored forty seconds into the period and things began to look dim on Andover's bench, but hope was not completely gone. The team continued to play strongly despite the two-goal deficit.

Once again things didn't go as PA would have liked. The key turning point was when Exeter scored yet again, for the third time, only minutes after the second period began. From there, the team lost its focus and found themselves trailing 6-0 after the second period. In spite of this, PA did not give up entirely. Thanks to the help of the great senior leadership on the team, PA did not check out, but rather put forth a valiant effort.

Going into the third period, Andover had only pride to play for, and made the most of it. As Exeter tacked on two more goals, while Mike Paa '01 saw some playing time in net in what was his final game of his hockey career

at PA. As the final minutes ticked away, the scoreboard read 8-0, officially ending another chapter in the Andover-Exeter rivalry.

The game against Exeter marked the conclusion of Andover's Boys hockey 2000-2001 season with a record of 11-14-1, and the end of many of the player's careers. Among the four-year seniors who had been on the team since their junior year were co-captain Scott Ward '01 and Scott Darci '01. In addition, Chris Weiner '01 and Tim Daniels '01 topped off their careers at PA at the end this game as well.

Although it was tough on the seniors to close out their time in Andover's hockey program with this loss, senior leadership gave the team great cohesion.

Many say that "you win as a team and you lose as a team," and Andover did exactly that. Throughout the season, they ventured through adversaries and obstacles, sticking together at all times.

Andover's 2000-01 hockey team was led by co-captains Steve Mead and Scott Ward. Seniors Gino Rotondi, Ian Cropp, Theo Novak, and Scott Darci also contributed greatly. Upon leaving the ice for the last time as a team, the entire team was led by Mead and Ward in a heartfelt salute to the PA fans, who had so enthusiastically supported this team from the start.



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Pat Linnemann '02 is swarmed by the Exeter defense, as Exeter's talented squad dominated Andover 8-1.

Steve Mead - Boys Hockey

by Tony Bitz

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Heart and teamwork go a long a way.

Talking with boys' hockey co-captain Steve Mead '01, you get that feeling right off the bat. A leader by example, a supportive captain, and a force behind the blue line, Mead led the boys through a tough season on and off the ice.

Mead had a late start in hockey, at age 10, but took no time catching up. He picked the game up eagerly, playing in neighborhood pickup games, and joined his local Warminster, PA team, the Glaciers. Soon Mead moved up to the Junior Philadelphia Flyers, a nationally ranked team. Mead brought a great deal of experience to the PA team his lower year. He adapted to the different game and added to his already vast experience. Scott Ward '01, co-captain and Mead's teammate for the past three years, quickly pointed out Mead's easy adaptation to the team: "His first year, he came in on regular shift, and by upper year, he was the number two defense-man on the

team, which is an accomplishment for an upper. Now, he's one of the top defensemen in the division."

Mead's talent obviously showed, as his team elected him captain along with Ward. Mead took the honor as both a burden and a chance to prove himself, "being on the previous two years, I realized I had to step it up for the team," he commented. A modest man, Mead takes little credit for leading the team, and stresses the importance of the entire senior class: "I couldn't have led without them [Seniors], and the whole class was a source of leadership to the younger and newer players."

Tom O'Rourke '02, a two year veteran, affirms Mead's leadership: "He was a great leader, who led by example on and off the ice." Ian Cropp '01 continued, "He always gave one-hundred percent and couldn't think otherwise. Mead and Ward let us know what we needed to do and didn't leave any aspect of the game unexplained."

Ward, a fellow captain echoed these sentiments. "He was always outgoing with all the team and got along with everybody. He always gave it his all and made everyone else want to."

Not only a leader, Mead is a defensive force on the ice. O'Rourke commented "he is consistent and has a strong presence behind the blue line." Cropp elaborated, "On defense, he was the hardest man to beat, and on a turnover he flies up the side and places the puck wherever it needs to be."

Boys' hockey had what some would call a tough season this year with a record of 11-14-1, but Mead has an optimistic view of the season: "We might not have had the most talented team, but we had a lot of heart, and that helped carry us through." According to Mead, team's greatest game was their upset over Exeter earlier this term, 2-0. Not coincidentally this was Mead's greatest performance of the season as well. "There was a lot of hype before the game, but we just had it all together that game. I thrived on it. We [the defense] shut them out and held off the boards," he said, smiling. Thrived he did, earning himself two assists and a shutout.

Even looking at the frustrating parts of the season, Mead found difficulty in finding a low. "If there was any low, it was after Exeter. Things were tough after two straight losses and losing Rotundi and Darci to injuries, but the team stuck together and played through." On the other hand Scott Ward felt the stretch after Exeter was Mead's strongest part of the season: "Like a lot of the team, Mead was hurt too, but for the last two weeks of the season he continued to play strong as though nothing happened." Again, it was Mead's "heart" that helped the team through.

Moving on himself to play at the D-1 Air Force Academy, Mead is hopeful for future teams: "With a new coach and new rink, I think a turn around is coming." While though not as successful as many hoped, boys' hockey held their own and gave it their all under the leadership of Mead and the senior class, facing New England's top competition. Unfortunately Mead's skates need to be filled for next year, and with leadership unquestioned by his teammates, a strong defensive and offensive game, and an unbending faith in his team, Mead is no easy act to follow.



Promising Newcomers Contribute To Boys Hockey

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Adversity and optimism, PA Boys' Varsity Hockey team played through it all, experiencing times of complete disappointment as well as times of ecstasy. From the start to the finish, the members of the PA Hockey team stayed close to each other, supporting one another in times of need. With everyone contributing, in and out of the locker room, the team was able to pull together, no matter what the circumstances. This sense of team unity and partnership was present during the entire season, a season full of ups and downs, and a season in which pride meant more than overall records and standings.

Led by their co-captains, Steve Mead '01 and Scott Ward '01, PA found inspiration in every game they played. Much of this spirit stemmed from the two captains, however, all of the seniors helped to contribute encouragement and talent when it was needed. Although these seniors will move on to college next year, leaving a huge gap in the leadership department, the many returning underclassmen are expected to step up next year and fill these holes.

As their schedule confirms, the PA Boy's Varsity Hockey team had a difficult and very demanding season. Although the Big Blue started off strong, injuries plagued the team for most of the season. The damage to Scott Darci's '01 left hand turned out to as damaging to PA's scoring drive,

although when Darci returned he iced the competition. Other minor injuries, including Mead's leg problem, were small in size, but very costly to the PA team as a whole. In addition to this plague of injuries, robust opponents didn't help PA's cause, making the season even more grueling for the PA squad.

PA fought until the very end, finishing the season below five hundred, with an overall team record of 11-1-13. This record does not clearly reflect the effort and talent found on the bench. The PA Boys' Varsity Hockey team sustained a high level of intensity throughout the season. PA's first line, composed of Darci, Gino Rotondi '01, and Zack Smotherman '02, played a critical role. Throughout the season, the trio worked well together, lighting up the light on numerous occasions. Collectively, they were the top three point scorers on the team, and, as a whole, had thirty-seven goals and eighty-two points. The other lines were not only offensive threats but also displayed a determined backcheck. Defensively, Mead and Ward led PA. Their work at the blue line was reflected on the scoreboard: the goals scored against was a relatively low number. Intense and physical, the captains also came up big on the ice. While Mead and Ward often paved a defensive path, the others followed the captains' lead. Most of PA's defense played well, with much credit going to Theo Novak '01, who stood strong in the net. Solid goaltending was a big part of PA's defense, and Theo's play sparked the team on numerous occasions.

The highlight of their season, without a doubt, was their first



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Despite being injured for part of the season, Scott Darci '01 managed to contribute 23 points for Andover.

BOYLAN, GUDEN SUCCEED GURRY AT HOCKEY HELM

EMPHASIZE DEFENSE

Power Trio of Rotundi, Darci, Smotherman Knot 92 Points

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matchup against Exeter. PA. exhibiting real tenacity, soundly defeated a favored Exeter squad. This win, as big as it was, turned out to be just one of the many building blocks of the PA season.

The work ethic shown by the squad was reflected in the statistics: Gino Rotondi - thirteen goals, seventeen assists, thirty points; Zack Smotherman - fifteen goals, fourteen assists, twenty-nine points; Scott Darci - nine goals, fourteen assists, twenty-three points; Scott Ward - two goals, eighteen assists, twenty points; Steve Mead - two goals, fifteen assists, seventeen points. Four out of five of PA's top scorers were seniors. As the seniors go, they leave major cracks in the lineup for next year as well as in the leadership of the team. However, the returning veterans will pick up the team, and lead them forward once again.

Coached by Dean Boylan Jr. and assisted by Thomas Guden, PA outcoached many of its opponents. Knowledgeable and protective, the coaches pulled together the talent and made the most of it. Both coaches were pleased with the total outcome of the season. In the words of head coach Dean Boylan Jr., "I was proud of our effort level throughout the year. We asked all of our players to hang together as a team throughout the season, and I think we did just that. I am especially thankful for the tremendous leadership skills shown by our two co-captains, Scott Ward and Steve Mead, and every one of our senior skaters. A great number of our seniors played through injuries. Others on the team were asked to contribute, despite inexperience, and they did. Coach Guden and I were proud of the commitment each player showed to this team."

The PA Boy's Varsity Hockey team played well this year, despite a grueling and extremely demanding schedule that hit them hard from the start. Looking back, the clear positives were the senior leadership and the unity within the team. Next year's returning players must look to the future, building on and learning from the experiences of this past season. The seniors will be greatly missed but next year their roles on the team will be filled with new blood. Looking to the past and to the future conjures up memories and hopes but all involved will remember this season, forever young and present in everyone's mind.

SPORT: Hockey- girls

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Meredith Hudson

MANAGERS: Nickole Rucker, Samantha Koolen, Yasmin Dayha

COACH: Martha Fenton

ASSISTANT COACH: Chad Green

SEASON RECORD

WON 6 **LOST** 14 **TIED** 2s

Letter Winners

Barensfeld, Anna G.
Bowen, Abigail P.
Colburn, Elizabeth V.
Deguire, Audrey C.
Grote, Emily T.
Hudson, Marissa L.
Hudson, Meredith A.©
Izenstein, Emily A.
Krause, Caitlin O.

Mattison Alice M.
Minahan, Kathleen M.
Orzell, Susannah C.
Rucker, Nickole P.mgr
Shipe, O'Hara K.
Vanecek, Jennifer M.
Vehec, Erin A.
Wessling, Pamela D.
Silverstein, Scott A.

Girls Hockey – Varsity

2000 – 2001

| No. | Name | Pos. | Class | Hometown |
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| 7 | Barensfield, Anna | F | 2002 | Ellwood City, PA |
| 4 | Bowen, Abby | F | 2001 | Boston, MA |
| 15 | Colburn, Elizabeth | F | 2002 | Dover, MA |
| 21 | Deguire, Audrey | F | 2004 | Milford, MA |
| 3 | Grote, Emmy | F | 2002 | Wellesley, MA |
| 12 | Hudson, Marissa | F | 2004 | Danvers, MA |
| 10 | Hudson, Meredith | D | 2001 | Danvers, MA |
| 11 | Izenstein, Emily | F | 2001 | Longmeadow, MA |
| 17 | Krause, Caitlin | F | 2001 | Keene, NH |
| 8 | Mattison, Alice | D | 2002 | Osterville, MA |
| 33 | Minahan, Kathleen | G | 2003 | Andover, MA |
| 14 | Orzell, Susannah | F | 2003 | Lincoln, MA |
| 5 | Shipe.O'Hara | G | 2004 | Anchorage, AK |
| 45 | Vanecek, Jennifer | F | 2004 | Northfield, VT |
| 22 | Vehec, Erin | F | 2001 | Fishkill, NY |
| 6 | Wessling, Pamela | D | 2002 | Hingham, MA |

Third Period Stumble Leaves Girls Trailing Cushing by Four at Buzzer

by Tina Wadhwa

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| Cushing | 8 |
| Andover | 4 |
| Andover | 3 |
| Groton | 1 |



PA's Girls Varsity Ice Hockey team won a striking 3-1 victory on Friday in their game against Groton. Erin Vehec '01 forward, scored the first

two goals and Ali Mattison '02 defense, scored the third. During this game, PA had three minutes of penalty time while Groton had 4 min, and goalie O'Hara Shipe '04, made 28 saves. Vehec made the first two goals in the first period. Ali Mattison, and Marissa Hudson '04, assisted the first, at 8:31. Enn explained that she "got the puck on the rebound and knocked it down, and then tapped it in the zone."

Mattison said, "Our first line moved the puck really well on a powerplay from me to Hudson, who was playing right. I passed it to Marissa who took a shot, and then Erin got the puck on the rebound and shot it in."

The second goal, also made by Vehec, was at 3:18 and was assisted by Caitlin Krause '01. The puck went deep in the zone and Vehec knocked it back behind the net where Krause picked it up and passed it over to Vehec, who

then scored it in.

Within the first period, there were four saves by O'Hara and 15 shots made against Groton, of which they saved 13. There was also a penalty made against Groton at 9:38.

Mattison made the third goal of the game unassisted at 10:02 in the second period. Mattison said she "picked up the puck on our rebound and then went around all of the forecheckers, to the left of the goalie, and then to the right and made it in." Pamela Wessing '03 defense, states of the goal, "It was incredible, really awesome. She sprinted all the way up and the crowd just went crazy."

During the second period of the game there was also a penalty made by them at 9:53 for interference, 10 shots made on their goalie of which 9 were saved, and 14 shots made against PA all of which O'Hara saved.

Groton scored a goal in the third period at 11:36. 8 shots were made against their goal all of which they saved and 11 shots were made on O'Hara, of which she saved 10. PA's Suzannah Orzell '03 got a tipping penalty at 5:56 and Vehec got a high stick penalty at 37 seconds, both made in the third quarter.

"We were really looking for a boost," stated Mattison. "It was our first win after winter break and we needed it. We're looking forward to entering some tough competition."

PA was defeated by Cushing 8-4 at their 2:30 home game on Wednesday, January 24th. Cushing scored two goals in the first period, two in the second, and

four in the third while PA scored two in the first, one in the second, and one in the third.

Cushing started off strong, scoring their first two goals in the first period at 14:40 and 14:25. PA then came back and held them off, scoring a goal at 8:40 by Merri Hudson '01, forward and captain, which was assisted by Anna Barendsfeld. '02. Marissa Hudson then scored again at 1:40, assisted by Krause.

Within the first period, there were two penalties made by PA, slashing at 5:14 and tripping at 4:36. Thirteen shots were made at PA, of which O'Hara saved 11 while 8 shots were made against Cushing, of which they saved six.

The first period ended with a tie, but at 14:38 in the second period, Cushing scored it in, retaliating again at 7:29. PA's Krause scored while 53 seconds were left in the second period, assisted by Hudson '01, and Mattison. During the second period, there were 18 shots made on PA's goal, of which O'Hara saved 16, and 13 shots made by PA, of which Cushing's goalie saved 12. The second period ending with PA trailing by one goal.

Cushing scored once again at 14:53 in the third period, and again at 9:48. PA retaliated at 8 minutes. Cushing scored again unassisted at 4:20 and then a fourth time in the third period with two seconds left. Within the third period, there were eight shots made on their goal, of which 7 were saved, and 16 on PA's, 12 of which O'Hara saved. Though the girls lost to Cushing they are



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Anna Barendsfield '02 falls after driving to net against Cushing on Saturday. Barendsfield assisted one of Andover's four goals.

Struggling to Find the Goal, Hockey Nets Mixed Results

by Elizabeth Thorndike
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| Andover | 2 |
| NMH | 1 |
| Nobles | 7 |
| Andover | 0 |



GIRLS HOCKEY

The Girl's Varsity Ice Hockey Team broke even this week, snagging a win and a loss. Much effort was put into both games, but the girls couldn't

capitalize on enough shots. The Blue beat Northfield Mount Hermon on Friday night with a score of 2-1, but fell to Nobles 0-7 on Wednesday.

On Friday evening, the Big Blue headed west to NMH. The girls started strong in the first, and Ali Mattison '02 poked one home at 10:45, only four minutes into the game. Anna Barendsfeld '02 took the initial shot and recorded the assist. The girls continued to control play throughout the first, though they were unable to change the score.

The team came out flying in the second and Caitlin Krause '01 put another one on the board nine seconds into the game. Assisted by Mattison, Krause lifted the puck to the top shelf for a great goal. Unfortunately, Krause was the last to revel in scoring glory. Erin Vehec '01 explained, "We played well and we were all over them. The puck just wasn't going into the net."

Northfield Mount Hermon sneaked a goal at the get-go of the third to make the score 2-1. They came close to tying it up in the last few minutes, but the Blue battled back with ferocious defense and came out with the win. The girls had an amazing 43 shots in the game, while NMH boasted only 14. O'Hara Shipe '04 played rocked the net net, allowing only one shot to slip by. Each line contributed to the win with great scoring opportunities throughout the game.

After their big win at NMH, the girl's hockey team looked forward to

Noble & Greenough on Wednesday. They contained a very fast opposition for most of the period, but Nobles scored at 7:27. The two teams seemed evenly matched as they both headed for the locker room after the first.

In the second period, the girls were red hot, practically melting the ice. Their fiery vigor soon went cold however: at 12:42, Barendsfeld was called for a penalty, and the team gave up a goal to Nobles on a three-on-one set up just five minutes later. Play moved back and forth throughout the period, but Shipe stayed put, making several key saves. Noble & Greenough scored two more goals, making it a 0-4 game after the second.

For the first half of the third, the Blue stayed strong and contained the opponent. Mattison received a penalty early on. The girls held on, however, and killed off the penalty without allowing Nobles to score. However, the opposition scored three goals in the last six minutes. The final goal came with only thirty-seven seconds to play.

Mattison really stepped up in the Nobles game and played aggressively, diving across the ice to break up a plays. Mattison had many chances while skating the puck up the ice, and Audrey DeGuire '04 was solid on defense. Shipe put out a great effort between the pipes.

The points recorded this week put Krause at the top with an impressive 18 points this season. Vehec follows close behind with 16, and Ali Mattison has notched five goals and ten assists, earning her a total of 15 points in their seventeen games.

The girls look forward to two more match-ups this week. They play Milton away on Friday night and Holderness at home at 5:30 on Wednesday. Milton will be a tough game as they are undefeated, but the Blue hopes to notch two wins. An improved record will prepare them for Exeter on February 24.

Girls Hockey Unable to Handle Strong Opposition; 0-1-1 on Week

by Elizabeth Thorndike
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| Andover | 1 |
| Milton | 4 |
| Andover | 1 |
| Holderness | 1 |



Solid opponents slapped the Big Blue with a loss and a tie this week, even though the girls varsity ice hockey team played two great

games, stepping their play up a level and competed with solid opponents.

On Friday night, the girls headed to Milton Academy to go head-to-head against an undefeated team. The Big Blue proved right off the bat that it could play at the same level as one of the best squads in the league. With only two minutes into the period, Ali Mattison 02, unassisted, rushed the puck into the opponent's zone, shot, and then scored on her own rebound, putting PA's first and only goal into the Milton net. Unfortunately for the girls, Milton answered the point about seven minutes later. The game remained tied 1-1 at the close of the first.

In the second period, the Big Blue fell behind a feisty Milton Academy team. The opponents dominated play with twenty shots on net and three

goals, bringing the score to 1-4 going into the third period.

In the final period, the girls yanked up their play once again and climbed up to Milton's high plateau. The tremendous defensive effort made by Audrey DeGuire 04, Merri Hudson 01, Mattison, and Pamela Wessling 02 paid off as the blue fended off the Milton girls for a scoreless period. The girls hoped for one last win before facing off against archival Exeter, but were unable to come out on top. The Wednesday game against Holderness seemed like a chance for that one last win: in the first period, the play was constantly moving from one end to the other. Both teams played rough, racking up numerous penalties. However, neither team could put a point on the board.

The second period was similar to the first, as the game remained scoreless for almost twelve minutes. With 3:18 remaining, Audrey DeGuire scored from the slot. Mattison assisted as she brought the puck all the way down the ice, around the Holderness net, and then made a perfect pass to Deguire. The girls left the ice after the second period up 1-0.

Holderness snuck a shot by goalie O'Hara Shipe in the third, tying the game at one apiece. A two-on-one opportunity opened up for the Big Blue's Marissa Hudson 04 and Erin Vehec 01 with thirty-five seconds remaining in the third, but the pair was

unable to score and the game continued to five-minute sudden death overtime. The extra period was a nail-biter with many opportunities to score for both squads. With two minutes to play in the OT, Mattison drew a penalty and the Blue played five on four for a while. Unfortunately, Merri Hudson was called for a penalty just twenty seconds later. The play remained four on four until 1:17, when icing was called on the blue. This was a mistake on the official's part, however, as icing cannot be called when a team is down a player. Andover received a bench minor penalty for questioning the faulty decision. The Blue was unfairly forced to send another girl to the box. Down by two players at the end of the extra period, the girls stayed strong and finished the game with a tie.

Goalie O'Hara Shipe played well in both games as she made countless saves. Ali Mattison's two points this week give her an exemplary seventeen points for the season. She is now tied with Caitlin Krause 01 as a point leader. DeGuire's goal on Wednesday gives her three goals for the season.

The Blue has one last game on Saturday at 6:00 PM at Exeter. The Girls hope to beat the Big Red and to end on a high note. If they continue their tenacious aggression, a final win should be in the bag.

Feb. 23

Hockey Girls Finish 6-14-2

Outskated by Archrival Exeter



J. Lesaffre/*The Phillipian*

Despite its slick skating, the Big Blue barely managed to knock the scoreboard (with the help of upper Ali Mattison.)

Exeter Andover

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A difficult season ended in disappointment as the Girls' Varsity Ice Hockey team fell to arch rival Exeter, for the second time this year. In their

first meeting at Andover earlier in February, the Blue lost a 1-7 contest to the Red.

The girls were hoping for a closer game this time around, but Exeter scored nine times over three periods with no attrition. The Blue managed to make its way onto the scoreboard thanks to a great goal by Ali Mattison '02.

The Big Blue came out strong in the first. They allowed only one goal in that period, playing with immense intensity. The puck was constantly soaring from one end of the ice to the other.

When the second period came around, the Big Blue's initial energy seemed to dwindle. After about eight minutes, Exeter put their second one on the board. Two more goals from the Red followed, making the score 0-4.

The play after that was once again largely back and forth. The Big Blue had some great scoring opportunities,

especially by Ali Mattison '02 from the point. O'Hara Shipe '04 made countless saves on many Exeter shots, saving Andover from an ever-climbing Exeter score.

In the third, Kathleen Minahan '03 took the place of Shipe between the pipes. She contributed many great saves throughout the period. The girls were fired up at the start of the third as Mattison, who was no longer playing defense, had a one-on-one rush to the net only ten seconds into the period.

Despite her efforts, she was unable to put the puck in the net. Unfortunately, Exeter scored three goals over a span of three minutes, one of which was shorthanded. The Red then led the Blue, 7-0, with eight minutes to play. At 6:52, Mattison scored the only goal for the Blue girls. Assists came from Erin Vehec '01 and Merri Hudson '01.

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Exeter Trounces Girls Hockey in Season Finale

by Elizabeth Thorndike
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Led by Captain Merri Hudson '01, the Girls' Varsity ice hockey team trudged through a difficult season this past winter, finishing with a final record of 6-14-2.

The team started the season out strong, placing third at the competitive Taft Tournament in Connecticut during the first week of winter break, but could not hold onto its early momentum.

The Girls' Varsity Ice Hockey season was a true roller coaster ride; the team followed a pattern of winning one game and then losing the next. After defeating St. Paul's School 4-1 in the Christmas Tournament, the Blue lost to the same team 1-2 in overtime just a few weeks later. Following the disappointing loss, the Blue fought back against a talented Lawrence Academy team, holding a 3-0 lead after two periods only to see Lawrence comeback for a 2-3 loss.

The team topped Groton by a score of 3-1 in late January only to lose its next game to a strong hockey school, Cushing, 4-8.

It certainly ran into some tough competition in the Deerfield and Exeter ranks. At Deerfield, the girls lost 0-10. Rookie goalie, O'Hara Shipe '04 made 44 spectacular saves in the game. As Assistant Coach Chad Green explained, "It was a fluke and we won't play like that again. It was just a bad day."

Fluke or not, the Deerfield team went on to win the League Championship in early March when they defeated Milton in the finals. Just days after the crushing blow to self-esteem that the Deerfield squad offered, Exeter pounded the Blue 7-1.

With two letdowns in one week and one loss the week before, the girls got fired up, looking to end their three game slump. They hosted Kimball Union Academy (KUA) in early February, coming out victorious in a very exciting game, 4-3. The two teams were tied as the minutes wound down in the third period. With 37 seconds to play, Ali Mattison '02 notched the game winner and officially ended the losing streak. As Hudson explained, "We finally capitalized on good scoring opportunities and played three full periods of solid defense, so I think that was the difference. Beating KUA has been one of the highlights of the season; we haven't beaten them

since I have been on the team."

After the uplifting win over KUA, the Blue fell to Tabor Academy with a final score of 1-3. Shipe made 32 saves in the game, despite an injury.

The last two games before the Exeter contest served to finish off the roller coaster ride that characterized the Girls' Hockey season. The team ended its last games before Andover-Exeter weekend with a loss and a tie, but the scores in these two games were not indicative of how well Andover played, despite being matched against very strong adversaries - Milton Academy and Holderness.

Battling the undefeated Milton squad, the Blue fared quite well. PA proved right off the bat that it could compete with the best in the league as Mattison poked home the lone Blue goal to up Andover 1-0. Unfortunately, Milton added four goals over the first and second period to secure the win. In the final period of play, the girls cranked up the defense to settle the game with a 1-4 loss. Following Milton, the team played its last home game of the season against Holderness. Andover scored first, then Holderness scored in the third to tie the game at one apiece. In a five-minute sudden death overtime, the team was down two players for the last minute. It played a strong game and finished with a 1-1 tie.

The final game of the season, against Exeter, was the final disappointment as the Big Blue fell to the Red for the second round in the season. This time, the final tally was 1-9. Shipe and Kathleen Minahan '03 shared the net for PA. The season finale left the Big Blue with a record of six wins, fourteen losses, and two ties. Mattison and Caitlin Krause '01 led the team in scoring with 12 goals each. Erin Vehec '01 racked up 16 scoring points, Marissa Hudson '04 totaled 12, and Merri Hudson finished with ten points.

Looking to next year, the girls hope for a winning season. "We are going to have a strong new team," commented Coach Marth Fenton, adding, "we are going to be strong on the Blue line." Mattison confirmed, "We are definitely losing valuable players to graduation but the new kids will be strong. We will lose some consistency with this young team, but next year should be a good season."

Coach Fenton also commented that the new rink should be a great boost to all of the hockey teams - Boys' and Girls', Varsity and JV. She said, "It should be completed midway through the season and it will also draw new

student athletes. The old rink was a detriment to attracting hockey players."

The other problem that the team faced this year was a crop of extremely competitive opponents, although the girls worked hard to adapt to the ferocious level of play that their adversaries put forth. They had great goaltending by Shipe, but needed more effective offensive strategy. Most games, the team found itself out-shot. In the future, the girls hope to shoot more and therefore score many more goals. Along with a new core of strong defense, the team could be unstoppable.

Finishing a difficult season, the hockey team has much to look forward to - six new players, a new rink, and hopefully a strong team that will produce a berth at the New England Championship tournament. Abby Bowen '01 commented on this past season and offered hope to next year's team, "The outcome of the season was not as good as we expected but the cohesiveness of the team was admirable."

Coach Fenton commented, "We played a long and hard season with a competitive schedule. We held to that schedule and competed against the best teams."



B. Floyd/The Phillipian

Ali Mattison '02 winds up to take a shot from the point against Exeter.

SPORT: Nordic Skiing

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Rutherford Hubbard

MANAGERS:

COACH: Deborah Carlisle

ASSISTANT COACH: Chris Larson

SEASON RECORD

WON _____ **LOST** _____ **TIED** _____

Letter Winners

Anderson, Suzanne E.
Bellapralu, Vikram V.
Brown, Jacqueline A.
Byer, Jennifer C.
Hubbard, Rutherford W.©

Hume, Kathryn E.
Penley, Colin M.
Ryan, Paige E.
Schroeder, Holly A.
Silverstein, Scott A.

Nordic Skiing – Varsity
2000 – 2001

| Name | Class | Hometown |
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| Anderson, Suzanne | 2004 | Intervale, NH |
| Bellapralu, Vikram | 2002 | Phoenix, AZ |
| Brown, Jacqueline | 2003 | Concord, MA |
| Byer, Jennifer | 2004 | Harbor Springs, MI |
| Dames, Filip | 2001 | Reinhausen, Germany |
| Hubbard, Rutherford | 2001 | Topsfield, MA |
| Hume, Kathryn | 2002 | Andover, MA |
| Ito, Rina | 2001 | Palatine, IL |
| Penley, Colin | 2001 | Bethel, ME |
| Ryan, Paige | 2002 | The Woodlands, TX |
| Schroeder, Holly | 2002 | Wayland, MA |
| Siguler, George | 2001 | Conway, MA |
| Silverstein, Scott | 2004 | Andover, MA |
| Warren, April | 2004 | Woodside, CA |
| Wilkinson, Cornelia | 2004 | Durham, CT |

Nordic Finishes on an Upswing; Youth Offers Promising Future

by Scott Silverstein
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

The Andover Nordic team has improved tremendously since the start of the season, and their recently improved racing times, which have dropped by as much as ten minutes since January, prove the point. Despite this success, however, the team continues to fall short of the top schools in their races.

With the championships just around the corner, the Nordic team's grueling practice sessions and fitness center workouts finally seem to be paying off. In a race held on February 7 at St. Paul's, both boy's and girl's ski teams placed better overall than they had at any previous meet.

This show of Blue power proved strong enough to sustain the girls' team into the Lakes Region Championships. Held at Kimball Union Academy on Valentine's Day, the 6-kilometer course consisted primarily of one massive hill, a relentless upward struggle, followed by a fast, winding, downhill.

The girls raced first, and, because of the long drive to Kimball, had not had a chance to pre-ski the course. This did not detract from their performance, however, with Anderson placing an incredible 8th in the competition, finishing in 21:40. Byer, somewhat distraught over the pitch and length of the hill, spent four minutes longer on the course but managed to snatch the 20th position.

Testifying to the close abilities of the middle half of the girls' team, Brown, Schroeder, Ryan, and Hume finished consecutively, skiing to 24th through 27th places. Wilkinson was not far behind, with a time of 31:14, and April Warren '04, racing for her first time ever, delivered a commendable time of 32:30. Overall, the Andover girls placed 4th in the competition, only four points behind KUA.

"I was blown away by the capability of the girls' team," raved Coach Carlisle, thrilled with this late-season accomplishment, "and because the team is so young, they should be nearly unstoppable next year."

The boys' brief lead, however, faded into the icy snow as they placed sixth out of nine teams in the championships. Penley dashed through the course in 20:56, grabbing the 16th position, and Captain Hubbard was less than a minute behind.

Unfortunately, with Holderness finishing 1-2-4 in the competition and with three other schools clinching the remainder of the top ten, the Blue simply did not have what it took to reach the top. The two other boys' racers, Silverstein and Sigalar, were both devastated by the hill and finished 38th and 44th respectively.

Though Hubbard and Penley insisted that pre-skiing the course was greatly beneficial, it may have hindered the boys' performance. Anderson explained after her race that not knowing the extent of the hill in advance caused her to drive herself much harder in the uphill section than she may have otherwise.

The Nordic team's last races are quickly approaching, and there is no telling how they will complete the season. The girls will probably finish in the top third of the competition, but the boys will have to struggle against much larger, more experienced teams.

For their final week of practice, the team traveled to Waterville Valley, NH, for a weekend of training on an extensive network of Nordic trails. It was an exciting team experience, and the perfect preparation for their final meet.

SPORT: Squash- boys

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Nathan Beck, Nakul Patel

MANAGERS:

COACH: Tom Cone

ASSISTANT COACH:

SEASON RECORD

WON 13 **LOST** 1 **TIED** 0

Letter Winners

Beck, Nathan J.©
Chung, Yookyun J.
Cote, Daniel W.
Fearnley, Lyle A.
Goela, Vikas

Kwaak, Jun-Yup S.
Patel, Nakul ©
Sandman, Jeffrey K.
Simonton, William S.
Taggart, Ian H.

Boys Squash – Varsity
2000 – 2001

| Name | Class | Hometown |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Beck, Nathan | 2001 | Concord, MA |
| Chung, Yookyun | 2001 | Seoul, Korea |
| Cote, Daniel | 2002 | Andover, MA |
| Fearnley, Lyle | 2001 | Byfield, MA |
| Goela, Vikas | 2001 | Andover, MA |
| Kwaak, Jun-Yup | 2001 | North Andover, MA |
| Patel, Nakul | 2001 | Short Hills, NJ |
| Sandman, Jeffrey | 2002 | Andover, MA |
| Simonton, William | 2003 | Wilmington, DE |
| Taggart, Ian | 2001 | Marblehead, MA |

Boys Squash Splits Two 4-3 Decisions With Choate, Taft

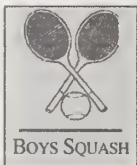
by Nakul Patel
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Jan. 12

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| Andover | 4 |
| Choate | 3 |

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| Taft | 4 |
| Andover | 3 |

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| Andover | 4 |
| Deerfield | 3 |



The last time the Andover boys' squash team beat Choate, Bob Dole was running for president. Taft has been the defending

Interscholastic champion for several years.

Thus it was with some trepidation that the racket-wielding boys in Blue made the long journey to Wallingford Connecticut to face both these formidable opponents. With the change in presidential politics, however, came a change in Choate's level of skill. Led from the top of the ladder by Captain Nate Beck '01 and second-ranked Will Simonton, who both posted quick 3-0 wins over their Choate opponents, the boys squeaked out a tight 4-3 victory, anchored at the bottom by Vikas Goela '01 and Ian Taggart '01.

Taft, alas, had not suffered quite the drop-off in talent that had afflicted Choate. Goela was first off the court, having thrashed his opponent 3-0, and his victory gave Dan Cote '02 and Lyle Fearnley '01 the boost they needed to put their opponents away, 3-2 and 3-1, respectively. The four top-ranked Andover players,

however, were simply overmatched by their Taft counterparts and dropped each of their matches in straight games.

Wednesday, PA had a chance to bounce back at the expense of Deerfield. Beck and Simonton went out strong, each winning in three games. Cote and Taggart, playing at the bottom, matched those two wins, and despite losses in the middle three spots, Andover emerged with the victory.

Choate

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| Beck | 3-0 |
| Simonton | 3-0 |
| Patel | 0-3 |
| Chung | 0-3 |
| Goela | 3-0 |
| Cote | 1-3 |
| Taggart | 3-1 |

Taft

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| Beck | 0-3 |
| Simonton | 0-3 |
| Patel | 0-3 |
| Chung | 0-3 |
| Goela | 3-0 |
| Cote | 3-2 |
| Fearnley | 3-1 |

Deerfield

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| Beck | 3-0 |
| Simonton | 3-0 |
| Patel | 2-3 |
| Goela | 2-3 |
| Chung | 0-3 |
| Cote | 3-1 |
| Taggart | 3-1 |



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Nakul Patel '01, playing in the third spot, lines up his shot. Jan. 12

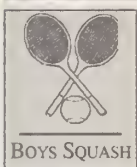
TWO 7-0 BLANKS PROPEL BOYS SQUASH TO 4-1

WEAK FOES HELP

by Nate Beck and Lyle Fearnley
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

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| Andover | 7 |
| Middlesex | 0 |

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| Andover | 7 |
| St. Paul's | 0 |



After a nearly two weeks without a match, the boys' squash team put together two straight 7-0 victories, beating

Middlesex on Saturday and St. Paul's on Wednesday.

Despite their confidence going into the match against perennially weak Middlesex, PA knew they couldn't take much for granted. As the matches progressed, Andover slowly accumulated victory after victory, eventually winning all seven matches. At the number one spot, Nate Beck '01 played a fairly uninspiring match against a completely uninspiring opponent, sending him home to Concord in the minimum three games. Squash phenom Will Simonton '03 thoroughly outclassed his adversary at the number two position, not allowing a single point in the quick three game match.

Winning his debut match at number three was Andover native Vikas Goela '01. Up 2-1 after the third grueling game, Goela was pronounced victorious when his foe defaulted due to a spontaneous and unlikely injury. Nakul Patel '01 played a marathon five game match at number four. After a slow start, Nakul skid-boasted a ball that landed in the back left corner, which was dug out for a deep lob, forcing Nakul to volley drop. After the anticipated counter-drop, Nakul put

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him away with his patented "poop shot" into the nick. Rising star Dan Côté '02 spanked his unprepared opponent in a quick three game match at the number five slot. James Chung '01 played well despite dropping an early game to complete a 3-1 victory. Number seven Lyle Fearnley '01 came back from a 1-0 deficit to close out the sweep.

Going into the Wednesday match against St. Paul's, the Andover squad was not quite sure what to expect. The previous year the boys had barely squeezed out a tight 4-3 victory, becoming the only team all season to beat the Saints' strong team. The number one and two players, who had won against the Blue last year, were both returning for the 2001 season. The closest match of the day came at the number one spot, with Beck facing off against the 2000 Interscholastics number one seed from Zimbabwe. The two exchanged games, with the climax coming in a close and hard fought fourth game won by Beck, tying the match at two apiece. After that, Beck was able to finish off his tiring opponent in a strong fifth game. Showing his improvement over last season, Simonton quickly defeated his adversary, to whom he had fallen the year before, winning in three games. Goela won his match at number three in four, while the rest of the Andover squad did not drop a game, as they trounced the unexpectedly weak bottom of the St. Paul's ladder.

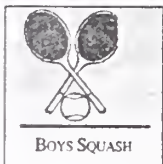
The boys face Exeter next Wednesday at home in what is looking to be a close and fascinating match.

Nobles and St. George's Fall To Blue Squash: Just Two to Go

by Lyle Fearnley
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 7 |
| Nobles | 0 |

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| Andover | 5 |
| St. George's | 2 |



On Wednesday, Andover's varsity Boy's squash team posted two more victories, improving their stellar record

to 11-1. Nobles and St. George's came to our courts for the final two home matches of the season.

The two small schools do not usually have very strong squash teams, and this year is no exception. So boy's squash coach Tom Cone devised a plan that would keep the matches more competitive by deviding the Blue team in half and filling the remaining spots with JV players. In the end, Andover still won easily, but there were a few tough matches and close calls along the way.

The first match pitted Andover against Nobles, with Anodver coming out victorious 7-0. Vikas Goela '01, premiering at the number one spot, destroyed the Nobles player in three games. Dan Cote '02 followed suit.

At the three spot, James Chung '01 finally finished off his opponent in the fifth after dropping a few early games. Jeff Sandman '02 won without losing a game. The three JV callups, Steve Brock '02, Jeff Wessler '03 and Will Walter '03 all won without difficulty.

St. George's was next, and proved to be a much tougher match, especially at the top of the ladder. At number one, Nate Beck '01 succumbed in a long five games to a surprisingly talented and hard-working opponent.

Will 'Number Two' Simonton beat his mirror image player (if Will was Asian): both were sophomores, both were small, and both were left-handed. Simonton's quick match lasted only three games. Nakul Patel '01, playing at the three spot did not drop a game.

Lyle Fearnley '01, playing three spots up at #4, easily dispatched his opponent in three games. Tyler Mixer '02, a callup from JV, won against the number five player from St. G's in a tough five game match.

Alex Leigh '02, another JV recruit, was outmatched by his varsity counterpart and lost in three games. Ben Beinecke '02 easily won in three games, finishing the match off at a score of Andover 5-2.

Andover has just two regular season matches left, against powerhouse Groton this Friday evening and against rival Exeter the following Wednesday (where they will try to improve upon their 6-1 crushing of the "big" Red).

The team will also be looking ahead to the Interschols tournament the following weekend, when Andover will travel to Williams College in western Massachussetts to play 31 other teams in tournament-style play.

Feb. 16

Wednesday's 5-2 Win Over Exeter, Ups Boys Squash Record to 13-1

by Nate Beck

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 4 |
| Groton | 3 |
| Andover | 5 |
| Exeter | 2 |



The Boys' Squash Team finished off the regular season in style, with a close 4-3 victory over a strong Groton squad, and a sound 5-2 victory over Exeter. The team finishes a fantastic year with a record of 13-1, and is ready for a three-day New England Interscholastic Tournament starting this afternoon.

Last Friday the team piled into a cramped van for its first away match since the opening of the season. Groton is a perennial force to be reckoned with and was predicted the best Massachusetts team this season. The first three matches

were in the number two, four and six spots. Despite a valiant effort on the part of Dan Cote '02, his consistent Groton opponent took the number four match 3-0. James Chung '01 played a strong match at number six, securing a victory in three. At number two, Will Simonton '03 endured an early onslaught to win his match in three games as well. The middle of the Groton line-up roared ferociously, as they secured wins at numbers three and five over Andover players Vikas Goela '01 and Nakul Patel '01. Lyle Fearnley, despite dropping a game, won his match at seven 3-1. The overall match score was 3-3, with the number one match already underway. Nate Beck '01 dropped the first two close games to a strong Groton rival, but recovered with a hairs-breadth win in the third game. Beck took the last two games for the 3-2 win, securing the overall team match for the Blue, 4-3.

The squad arrived at Exeter on Wednesday with high expectations, after having hopelessly ravaged its red buddies 6-1 in our first encounter. On their

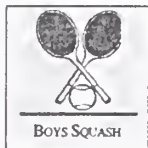
home courts and with the addition of a couple players who had missed the first match due to sickness, Exeter proved much stronger the second time around. Playing through an injured shoulder, Chung was the first to succumb, losing the number six match 3-0. At the three spot Goela scored the first Andover win, 3-1. Cote followed in quick succession at four with a four-game victory. At seven, Fearnley lost 3-0 despite a couple of close games at the start of the match. Simonton won the number two match easily in three games. Patel also won his match 3-0, overcoming a late resurgence by his opponent in the third game. After dropping the second game, Beck won his match at one 3-1.

This year's 13-1 record ranks easily as one of the best results in recent memory for the Andover squash program. Going into the interscholastic championships at Williams College this weekend, the Big Blue expect to continue its strong play and finish among the best in New England.

Near Perfect For Boys Squash

by Nate Beck and Lyle Fearnley

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



The 2000-2001 Boys' Squash Team enjoyed one of the most successful seasons in recent memory, losing only one

match and capturing 4th place out of a strong field at interschols. Co-Captains Nate Beck '01 and Nakul Patel '01 led a dominating top seven comprised of returning players Will Simonton '03, Vikas Goela '01, and James Chung '01, and reinforced by former JV players Dan Cote '02 and Lyle Fearnley '01. The team was also bolstered by the return of coach Tom Cone from last year's sabbatical. En route to a near-perfect 13-1 record, the team overcame numerous perennially strong teams including Deerfield, Groton, Choate, Belmont Hill, and, of course, Exeter.

The team started the season faced with the loss of two of the top five players from the previous year. A strong returning foundation remained to anchor the team, but even though each member had improved during the off-season, a number of gaps remained. A strong group stepped up to fill the gaps, with Jeff Sandman '02, John Kwaak '01, Ian Taggart '01, and aforementioned mentioned Cote and Fearnley all making leaps from JV.

The season began with an away match at Choate against both the host and Taft. After a strong 4-3 win against Choate, a newly energized PA squad nearly upset the favored Taft, losing a close 4-3 match. The notable victories were won by Goela, Cote, and Fearnley at the five through seven spots. That Saturday set the tone for the rest of the season.

As the weeks passed, the team accumulated win after win. Deerfield fell in a very tightly contested match. Next, the Andover team beat a fairly weak St. Paul's team. After a bunch of strong wins, including a number of shutouts, the team faced its next tough

challenge on a Friday evening at Groton. After the two through seven matches finished locked in a 3-3 tie, the decision rested in the hands of Beck, who pulled off a grueling five game victory to give Andover its 12th win of the season. The season culminated with a convincing win against the "Big Red" at Exeter.

Going into the New England Interscholastics tournament at Williams College, the team had reached its peak and looked poised to challenge favorites Taft and Brunswick. The team started off strong despite some difficult seedings. Andover managed to place all seven of its players in the quarterfinals of their respective divisions, the only team to do so out of a strong field of 32 teams from across New England. Unfortunately, after a number of tough losses of very close matches in the quarterfinals, only Beck, Simonton and Fearnley remained in the main draw. While Beck and Simonton were out-matched in their semifinal encounters at the one and two spot, Fearnley continued the excellent play that had brought him to the semis, eking out an exciting semifinal match against the number one seed of the draw. He then rode the momentum of the exhilarating semifinal into the final, cruising to a fairly quick victory.

Fearnley's win of the seven draw marked the first time in years an Andover player has won a draw at interschols. PA finished the tournament fourth overall, with Brunswick, Taft, and Deerfield edging in before the Big Blue.

Seven of the team's ten members are will graduating this spring, meaning that the team will face a tough challenge next season. But with captain-elect Cote and star player Simonton leading the way and another strong crop of JV players primed to make the move to varsity, the team should surface once again as one of the dominant teams in a talented league.



Courtesy of Nate Beck

Nate Beck '01 lunges for a backhand en route to a victory during a home match.

SPORT: Squash- girls

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Wendy Huang

MANAGERS:

COACH: Tom Hodgson

ASSISTANT COACH:

SEASON RECORD

WON 12 **LOST** 4 **TIED** 0

Letter Winners

Dosik, Diana A.
Ho, Helen
Huang, Wendy ©
Leung, Sandra S.
Liu, Diane Y.

O'Brien, Emily E.
Olans, Jessica L.
Roberts, Eliza B.
Tory, Jessica E.

Girls Squash – Varsity
2000 – 2001

| Name | Class | Hometown |
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| Dosik, Diana | 2002 | Setauket, NY |
| Ho Helen | 2001 | Salem, NH |
| Huang, Wendy * | 2001 | Phoenix, AZ |
| Leung, Sandra | 2002 | Hong Kong |
| O'Brien, Emily | 2003 | New Canaan, CT |
| Olans, Jessica | 2001 | Andover, MA |
| Roberts, Eliza | 2002 | Andover, MA |
| Tory, Jessica | 2002 | Westmount Canada |

Squash off to 3-1 Behind Leadership Of Top-Ranked Tory, Captain Huang

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by Sandra Leung and Diane Liu
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

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| Andover | 4 |
| Middlesex | 3 |



In November, the Andover girls' squash team took the courts with a younger and less experienced roster than last season, for an early

season match against Tabor. The girls met their opponents intending to, as Coach Tom Hodgson put it, "deserve to win."

The non-threatening Tabor squad allowed the Big Blue to do just that, as the girls earned complete victory, excepting one Andover default. Posting convincing wins across the board, the girls made their opposition blue, sending them home with nothing more than bagsels.

The victors included four returning and three new squashers. Veterans include Captain Wendy Huang '01, Sandra Leung '02, Jess Olans '01 and Eliza Roberts '02. Joining the ranks are Diane Liu '02 up from JV, Emily O'Brien '03, who just picked up the sport this fall; and finally, newcomer to the school Jess Tory '02, playing at number one. Last year's seniors, who made up four of the top five spots, will be missed this season, as this more inexperienced squad squashes against rival Exeter and traditionally strong teams Choate and St. Paul's.

The Blue met one of its greatest challenge right after the New Year's, playing Choate, an extremely strong and well-trained group. Worn down by the three-hour bus-ride and faced with extremely strong players, both tactically and physically, Andover began the term with a disappointing 5-2 loss. However, the determined Big Blue never gave up and obtained a 6-1 victory against Brooks on the following Monday.

Playing at number one in the Choate match, the talented Tory, with her incredible patience and physical fitness, made the best out of her superior squash skills and won in three straight sets (9-4, 9-1, 9-6). Veteran Eliza Roberts, with her constantly improving abilities, managed to take the number two spot this year. Roberts had a tight 5-game set against her Choate opponent, but finally lost with a 3-9 final game (9-4, 3-9, 9-4, 2-9, 3-9).

Captain Huang played on Blue's number three spot. Although behind by two games, Huang, with her sheer determination and confidence, came back and earned victory (9-6, 9-10, 8-10, 9-6, 9-4). Jess Olans '01 and Diane Liu '02 were unfortunately unable to emulate Huang's success, and lost in three straight sets as they faced the number four and number five Choaties respectively.

Playing number six for the Blue was Sandra Leung '02. Leung won the first game swiftly, though her opponent's improved play and powerful shots hindered Leung's victory as she finally lost in the four-game attempt (9-1, 4-9, 5-9, 1-9). At seven, star athlete Emily O'Brien '03 lost as well in three

straight sets to her Choate competitor.

Monday's match though, was a more positive and successful turn-out for the Blue as they took on Brooks. Despite playing without their top three squashers, Tory, Roberts, and senior Huang, girls' squash managed to pummel the weaker Brooks School team.

Veteran Olans assumed both the top seed and captain roles. Facing a tough match, Olans fell in a three-gamer to Brooks' best player (9-5, 9-1, 9-1). Playing at number two, Liu met a considerably weaker opponent and dropped only four points in three games (9-1, 9-3, 9-0).

Also winning in straight games, Leung nonchalantly strolled off from her equally quick match (9-1, 9-0, 9-5). Emily O'Brien bageled her opponent as well. Senior Helen Ho, Diana Dosik '02 and Lindsay Talbot '02 solidly rounded out the roster, all utterly dominating their opponents.

Two days after the easy victory, girls' squash traveled to Concord, MA for a match against extremely competitive Middlesex. The girls' constant, vigorous trainings paid off and the squad played amazingly well, squeezing a 4-3 victory.

First up was Tory who faced an incredibly tough match and succumbed to her opponent in a quick three-game set (1-9, 3-9, 0-9); then came Eliza Roberts. Clashing styles of play was the

theme of Roberts' number two match. After delivering a solid effort, Roberts too fell in a four-gamer (3-9, 9-2, 9-4, 9-5).

Captain Wendy Huang played at number three, quickly putting her opponent away (9-4, 9-3, 9-4). In the match of the day, number four Olans came back after losing first game with two consecutive game wins. Having suffered from a close loss in the fourth game, Olans bounced back to win the last one, celebrating her best match of the season so far (5-9, 9-7, 9-7, 9-10, 9-7).

"Jess' match was awesome," commented teammate Helen Ho. Diane Liu also defeated her number five Middlesex opponent in three as she gradually picked up the game after a slow start (10-8, 9-6, 9-5).

Due to the scarcity of courts at Middlesex, six seed Leung and seven seed Helen Ho, who stepped up because of O'Brien's leg injury, were forced to compete in the narrower American courts, with which, unlike their opponents, both girls were unfamiliar. Leung's match was one of the longest ones of the day, but she finally fell (3-9, 4-9, 5-9). Senior Helen Ho though, adjusted well and won in four (9-5, 9-4, 7-9, 10-8).

After such a challenging match, the Blue is prepped and ready to take on Taft on Saturday.



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Girls' squash captain Wendy Huang '01 slaps a vicious backhand.

CRUISING SQUASH POSTS TWO WINS IMPROVING TO 6-2

Dominating Shutout Over Exeter a Highlight

by Sandra Leung and Diane Liu
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

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| Andover | 7 |
| Exeter | 0 |
| Andover | 4 |
| Groton | 3 |



The utter domination and success of the cautiously optimistic Blue squash squad last Saturday in a 7-0 shutout of Exeter

proved once again that the girls' favourite food is red meat. The girls, as a team, dropped just one game in the whole match, outscoring their opponents 193-70.

At number one, Canadian Jess Tory '02, defeated her opponent in three easy games, dropping only three points (9-3, 9-0, 9-0). "Passionate-for-squash" Eliza Roberts '02 played at the number two spot and also won in three straight games (9-2, 9-2, 9-2).

Playing at number three was Captain Wendy Huang '01, who forced her opponent to surrender after three games as well (9-1, 9-3, 9-2). Continuing the streak, Jess Olans '01 was equally successful at number four as she also prevailed over her opponent in three straight games (9-4, 9-3, 9-4).

At number five, Diane Liu '02 though slipped in the second game, recovered quickly and beat her opponent in four (9-5, 4-9, 9-3, 9-2). Number six seed Sandra Leung '02, though playing through fatigue and sickness, still trounced her Exie opponent in three (9-3, 9-2, 9-3). Rounding out the seventh spot, Emily O'Brien '03 controlled her match from the very beginning and won in three (9-5, 9-6, 9-4).

Travelling to Groton on Wednesday, the squad edged their opponents 4-3. Tory lost in a frustrating 4-game match. Leaving the court, the Canadian remarked on her game, saying, "Our skill levels were about equal, but she came away with the match."

Back in the second slot, captain Huang won her first, third, and fifth games, finally beating her opponent in the final game 9-7. Playing numbers three and four, respectively, Liza Roberts '02 and Diane Liu '02 both lost in 4-game matches after winning their second games. Without the talent of Olans at number four and Leung at six, Emily O'Brien '03, Diana Dosik '02, and Helen Ho '01, had to play well in order to win their matches, which they did. All stepping up two spots, they all came out victorious. After losing her first two games, persistent O'Brien stepped up her level of play and came back to win her match in a stellar 5-game match. Dosik and Ho, who have both been playing very well, rounded off the final two spots with convincing wins over their opponents.

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Against Worldly Competition, Girls Squash Goes 1-1 for Week

by Sandra Leung
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| Andover | 6 |
| St. George's | 1 |
| Deerfield | 1 |
| Andover | 6 |



Jess Tory '02 played well in her match Wednesday against one of the top junior players in the world, Lynn Leong

from Malaysia. Leong currently plays for St. Georges and with her surpassing skills, she smoothly defeated Blue's number one Canadian Jess Tory in three. (2-9, 0-9, 1-9) Despite loss, Tory fully demonstrated Coach Hodgson's new philosophy - "win gracefully, lose with honor" as she strove hard to earn the precious three points she took in the match.

Tory commented excitedly after the match, it was tough, but we had some good points. Apart from its experienced number one, St. George's also had a decently strong team; though the Big Blue proved strong and conquered them all, adding to their record a 6-1 victory.

Playing at number two and three respectively, Captain Wendy Huang '01 and Eliza Roberts '02 faced fairly strong opponents but both won in three. (9-0, 10-8, 9-2), (9-0, 9-2, 9-1) Jess Olans '01 also played a beautiful match at number four and overcame her opponent in three. (9-0, 10-8, 9-2)

Diane Liu '02, Sandra Leung '02 and Emily O'Brien '03 formed a strong force at the bottom of Blue's ladder, and emulating earlier successes, they also won in three at number five, six and seven respectively. (9-1, 9-0, 9-7), (10-9, 9-0, 9-6), (9-1, 10-8, 10-9)

The girls in blue also faced a talented Deerfield squad at home last Saturday, losing 6-1. Fortunately, fifth-seed Diane Liu '02 saved the Blue from being bageled by winning her match.

At number one, Jess Tory '02 met very competent Deerfielder and was overcome in three. (7-9, 1-9, 6-9) Captain Wendy Huang '01 lost in three at number two (2-9, 4-9, 7-9), as did Blue's third-seed Eliza Roberts '02 and fourth-seed Jess Olans '01. (2-9, 0-9, 4-9), (9-10, 7-9, 0-9)

The sole victory was earned by the tremendous efforts of Diane Liu '02 at number five. Liu faced strong opponent with extremely powerful serves and shots, but managed to adjust and play well to "deserve to win," winning in four. (9-6, 8-10, 9-5, 9-2)

Sandra Leung '02 had a fairly tough match and very fluctuating game scores, in which she finally lost in a four. (9-0, 0-9, 8-10, 7-9) Emily O'Brien '03 suffered the same fate at number seven in an extremely close match, losing in three games, two of which were tiebreakers. (4-9, 9-10, 9-10)

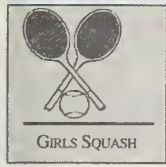
Girls Squash will have two more important matches next week against Groton and Exeter before Interschols.

Girls Squash Double Victory Rallies the Blue for Interschols

by Sandra Leung
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| Andover | 6 |
| Groton | 1 |

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| Andover | 6 |
| Exeter | 1 |



Flashback: the Big Blue edged out a close 4-3 victory over Groton. Three weeks later, the well-trained Blue

was ready and cautious to fight again, this time dominating. Last Friday, with home-court advantage, a full healthy squad, and hopes to get out early, the Blue won 6-1 in a surprisingly smooth match.

At number one, Jess Tory '02 played a very tough match: balls zoomed past both players as long points and good squash moves dazzled a large audience. Unfortunately, Tory was unable to squeeze out victory and was

overcome in a four-game attempt. (9-6, 6-9, 0-9, 2-9)

Captain Wendy Huang '01 and Eliza Roberts '02 played at number two and three respectively. Unlike their last matches in which Roberts lost and Huang won in a tight five-gamer, both Huang and Roberts stole their matches last Saturday in three straight games with ease and speed. (9-5, 9-1, 9-6); (9-4, 9-6, 9-1)

PA's number four, Jess Olans '01 emulated earlier success as she played well and won in four. (10-8, 9-6, 7-9, 9-1) Diane Liu '02 played at number five and completely squashed her opponent, dropping only three points. (9-3, 9-0, 9-0)

Sixth-seed Sandra Leung '02 spiced up her match a little with a tiebreaker in the last game, but still nonchalantly beat out her opponent in three, (9-0, 9-2, 10-8) Similarly, Emily O'Brien '03 at number 7 conquered her

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J. LeSaffre/The Phillipian
Captain Wendy Huang '01 led her team to two decisive wins this week.

GIRLS SQUASH DEFEATS GROTON; RIVAL-EXETER

Interschols Tonight

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opponent swiftly in three. (9-3, 9-7, 9-2)

The victory against Groton boosted the girls' confidence as they took on Exeter in a rematch last Wednesday. Bearing in mind Captain Huang's slogan-of-the-day – "They [The Exies] want it [the victory] bad, but no, we're not giving it to them! GO BIG BLUE!" – the Blue proved strong and sent the Exies home crushed, 6-1.

Jess Tory '02 did a beautiful job at number one as her opponent succumbed quickly to her power in three straight games. Captain Wendy Huang '01 also played well at number two and crushed her opponent in four.

Third-seed Eliza Roberts '02 bageled her opponent in three as well, while Jess Olans '01 was unable to hold the line, losing in a disappointing four-gamer. While commenting on the sole loss against Exeter, Olans admitted frankly, "I definitely was not playing too well today, but I promise to improve and work hard in Interschols."

The bottom of Blue's ladder kept up the high standards. Today and over the weekend, the Blue will head to Groton to compete in their last, most important, most exciting, and most anticipated match of the season – Interschols.

Feb. 23



Girls' Squash Sits 5th at Interschols Says Goodbye to Three Key Seniors

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Fifteen schools participated in last weekend's New England Squash "A" Interscholastic

Tournament held at Groton. The small school was crowded with enthusiastic and supportive players and coaches. Coach Hodgson organized this year's Interschols to include Andover, Exeter, Hotchkiss, St. Paul's, Middlesex, Sacred Heart, Rye, Milton, Choate, Groton, St. Georges, West Minister, Deerfield, Nobles and Greenwich.

The tournament lasted for two days, beginning on Friday night. The overall victory went to Greenwich, followed by Deerfield who lost by a close margin. Squash powerhouse St. Paul's assumed third place, with Hotchkiss following in fourth. Andover, tying with Middlesex, took fifth place. This placement was extremely satisfying for the Blue. "We couldn't have beaten Greenwich, Deerfield, St. Paul's or Hotchkiss," commented Coach Hodgson after the tournament. "I thought we were going to be somewhere between the fifth to the seventh place, but we came in fifth, which is really good and is actually the highest we could go. There were some tough matches, but we played pretty well."

Playing number one for the Blue was the skilled Canadian, Jess Tory '02. On Friday night, Tory faced tough Middlesex opponent, Lillian Rosenthal, the second seed of Division One, and lost in three straight games. (1-9, 1-9, 1-9) On Saturday, she entered the consolation round and played against Nobles player Becca Louks. Though playing with great skill and perseverance, Tory could not overcome her opponent and lost in three. (7-9, 5-9, 2-9)

The Blue's Captain, Wendy Huang '01, played a total of four matches in the first and last Interschols of her PA career. On Friday night she wore out her Choate opponent in a four-gamer (4-9, 9-7, 9-1, 9-1). Entering the second round of Division Two, Huang faced Neeta Lal from St. Paul's, and lost in three (3-9, 0-9, 5-9). Huang then joined the Classic Plate Tournament, a recent addition to the Interschols. This experimental consolation tourney included those who were unsuccessful in the second round. Huang triumphed over her Hotchkiss opponent in a tight five-gamer (4-9, 10-8, 8-10, 9-4, 9-1), but fell in the next match – another exciting, close five-gamer – against her Milton opponent. (10-9, 9-2, 9-6, 2-9, 5-9)

Blue's third seed Eliza Roberts '02, also played four matches, two in the main draw and two in the consolation round. Roberts played against a Rye opponent in her first match, which she readily took in three. (9-6, 9-3, 9-7) However, Roberts then faced Division Three's first seed, Clare Whipple from

Greenwich Academy. Roberts was conquered in three games (1-9, 4-9, 6-9) and she, too, entered the Classic Plate Tournament. In her four games there, she defeated her Choate opponent (9-4, 9-1, 1-9, 9-7); yet was unable to carry her success on into the second round against a Middlesexer, losing in three. (3-9, 4-9, 4-9) Despite the loss, Roberts reflected after the match, "It was fun and I played well."

At number four, Senior Jess Olans '01 lost her tough first match against fourth-seed Ali Kourides from Hotchkiss in the main draw, but played three more consolation matches and found herself ultimately in the consolation finals. In the consolation round, Olans played a fairly quick and easy first match against her Nobles opponent, winning in three. (9-7, 9-5, 9-2) Five games passed before Olans finally stepped out of the court with a victory against a Sacred Heart opponent (9-0, 5-9, 9-2, 5-9, 9-5), the victory that carried her into the Division Four consolation finals. Olans then had a long, rough battle against her Milton opponent, in which she was finally disappointed in three.

At number five, Diane Liu '02 played up to the mark and coolly overwhelmed her St. George's opponent in three straight games. (9-0, 9-3, 9-5) Facing Division Five's fourth-seed Choate afterwards, however, Liu lost in a four-game attempt. (4-9, 7-9, 9-1, 7-9) She joined her teammates in the Classic Plate Tournament, in which she again lost "with dignity" to an even higher-seeded Deerfielder. (9-2, 9-1, 5-9, 2-9, 6-9)

The Blue's sixth seed Sandra Leung '02 played her first match on Friday night against a weaker Sacred Heart opponent, whom she shattered quickly in three games. (9-1, 9-1, 9-1) The next morning, she stepped up to challenge a seeded Middlesexer, to whom she had lost previously. Taking sweet revenge, Leung frustrated her opponent in four. (9-3, 6-9, 9-6, 9-2) In the Division Six semifinals against a first-seed Deerfielder, Leung struggled hard but managed only one game off of her very strong opponent. (0-9, 9-2, 8-10, 0-9)

Having played squash for only one year, number seven Emily O'Brien '03 surprised everyone as she defeated two seeded players and was a finalist in Division Seven. O'Brien's first match against her Sacred Heart opponent was smooth and swift (9-2, 9-1, 9-0); though there was more of a challenge in her second round against a fourth-seed Choatie. O'Brien overcame all obstacles and won in five. (5-9, 9-3, 10-8, 6-9, 9-6) O'Brien then faced a first-seed Deerfielder in the semifinals. With her extremely powerful shots and serves and her unsurpassed fitness, O'Brien impressed the audience with a five-game victory. (5-9, 9-3, 10-8, 6-9, 9-6) In her final round, O'Brien challenged the tough seeded Greenwich player, this time losing in three. (4-9, 0-9, 3-9)

With a less experienced and younger roster this year, the Blue, under Captain Huang's leadership, trained hard, played well and remained strong throughout the season. Next year, despite the loss of three very experienced players – Captain Wendy Huang and four-year squashers Jess Olans and Helen Ho, the squad is looking forward to an even better season – one filled with W's (wins) as well as the good sportsmanship the squad has always demonstrated.

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Liu, Tory to Compensate for Departure of Huang, Olans, Ho

by Sandra Leung
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GIRLS SQUASH

With half its 2000 squad graduating, Andover's girls' squash team entered the 2001 season with a younger and less experienced roster. However, with the benefit of Coach Tom Hodgson's tremendous support and encouragement, the persistent girls trained hard and did their best to "deserve to win." They flourished beautifully and did not let their Big Blue fans down.

With great passion and skill, Captain Wendy Huang '01 led the way through a fulfilling season, supported by well-loved and energetic teammate Jess Olans '01 and underclassmen veterans Sandra Leung '02 and Eliza Roberts '02. Senior Helen Ho '01, along with new players Diana Dosik '02, Diane Liu '02, Jess Tory '02 and Emily O'Brien '03 rounded out the spirited and lively squad.

Though Tory maintained the top-seed throughout the season, Andover's ladder adjusted constantly. By the end of the season, the squad finally held a solid lineup, with Huang at two and Roberts, with her hard work and dedication, at three. Olans maintained fourth spot while Liu, seeing her first varsity competition, played at five. Improving steadily, Leung found herself moved up to six seed, followed by O'Brien at the seventh seed. Dosik and Ho provided power and delivered reliable successes at the bottom of the ladder.

Andover won numerous matches throughout the season, including two dominating shutouts of rival Exeter, double victories against both Groton and Milton and other triumphs against Tabor, Nobles, and St. Georges. Competition was not easy though, after playing world-ranked players in numerous matches—against St. Paul's well-known Linda McNair as well as St. Georges' newest addition Lynn Leong, for example—the Blue suffered some defeats. The girls "lost with dignity" though, achieving one of Coach Hodgson's most frequently championed ideals this season. The girls clearly displayed determination, sportsmanship and willingness to learn throughout the season especially in their matches against St. Paul's. With St. Paul's infamously strong top-four, the squad was conquered 5-2 in its first match. However, the Big Blue improved

tremendously and came back to a nail-biting 4-3 lost in the rematch.

PA squash concluded its season with a 12-4 record and fifth place out of fifteen schools in Interschols, losing to Greenwich, Deerfield, St. Paul's and Hotchkiss.

The placement was extremely satisfying for the young squad, and according to Coach Hodgson, fifth was "the highest we could go this year. We won all the matches that we could, and still played well in the difficult ones. It's tough, but it's good competition."

Though none of the Blue players were seeded in this year's tournament, everyone played extremely well, kept their spirits up, "won gracefully and lost with honor." O'Brien defeated two seeded players and was finalist in Division 7, while Leung also managed to become semi-finalist in Division 6. Despite obstacles in the main draw, Olans persevered through numerous consolation matches and found herself ultimately in the Division 4 consolation finals.

The most rewarding quality of the team though, as Coach Hodgson reflected after the season, "is the girls' outstanding level of maturity. This year's Interschols was an even greater challenge for the girls because I was in charge of running the whole tournament, and was unable to give the girls my support and advice; however I saw them cheering each other on, supporting and coaching each other." He continued, "They're all great kids, great sports and this has really been one of my best years."

Next year the Blue will lose three of its very experienced and dear teammates – Huang, Olans, and Ho. The squad however, is also looking forward to an even better season – one filled with wins and continuous good sportsmanship – led by Captain-elect Liu and supported by strong veterans Tory, Roberts, Leung, O'Brien and Diana Dosik.

SPORT: Swimming - boys

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Albert So

MANAGERS: Frances Ritchie

COACH: Loring Strudwick

ASSISTANT COACH:

SEASON RECORD

WON 6 **LOST** 2 **TIED** 0

Letter Winners

Cashman, Michael J.
Cheung, Jason P.
Chung, Eric S.
Curtis, Cameron S.
Fiske, Brian P.
Green, Adam H.
Hill, Eugene D.
Kaufman, Bryce D.
Kuangparichat, Gavin
Lo, Jonathan

MacMillan, Jonathan C.
Neuwirth, Benjamin J.
Noll, Daniel A.
Randt, Paul M.
Ritchie, Frances C. mgr
So, Albert Y. ©
Stroble, Aaron F.
Thornton, Alexander V.
Yeung, Thomas H.

Boys Swimming – Varsity

2000 – 2001

| Name | Class | Hometown |
|-------------------------|-------|---------------------------|
| Cashman, Michael J. | 2002 | Andover, MA |
| Cheung, Jason P. | 2001 | Mid-Levels, Hong Kong |
| Chung, Eric S. | 2003 | Andover, MA |
| Curtis, Cameron S. | 2003 | Pasadena, CA |
| Fiske, Brian P. | 2003 | Andover, MA |
| Green, Adam H. | 2001 | Wellesley, MA |
| Hill, Eugene D. | 2003 | Prides Crossing, MA |
| Kaufman, Bryce D. | 2003 | New Canaan, CT |
| Kuangparichat, Gavin | 2003 | Excelsior Springs, MO |
| Lo, Jonathan | 2002 | Deep Water Bay, Hong Kong |
| MacMillan, Jonathan C. | 2003 | Los Angeles, CA |
| Neuwirth, Benjamin J. | 2002 | Ross, CA |
| Noll, Daniel A. | 2001 | Springfield, IL |
| Randt, Paull M. | 2004 | Magazine Gap, Hong Kong |
| Ritchie, Frances C. mgr | 2001 | Milwaukee, WI |
| So, Albert Y.© | 2001 | Bradford, MA |
| Stroble, Aaron F. | 2004 | Dhahran, Saudi Arabia |
| Thornton, Alexander V. | 2001 | Pittsfield, MA |
| Yeung, Thomas H. | 2004 | Bangkok, Thailand |

Boys Swimming Falls Short In Final Relay Behind Choate

by Bryce Kaufman and Jonathan MacMillan

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**Choate
Andover**

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Last Saturday, Andover Boys' Swimming and Diving boarded the bus for a three-hour long drive to Choate

Rosemary Hall for its first meet of the 2001 season.

The first event, the 200 yard Medley Relay, was almost soundly taken by Andover, with the first relay of Brian Fiske '03, Cameron Curtis '03, David Hill '03, and Jonathon Lo '02 taking first place, the second relay team of Bryce Kaufman '03, Daniel Noll '01, Ben Neuwirth '02, and Adam Green '01 placing third, and the third relay team of Jason Cheung '01, Michael Cashman '02, Paul Randt '04 and Eric Chung '03 taking fifth.

This was then followed by a strong showing by captain Albert So '01 who came in first in the 200 yard Freestyle with a time of 2:02.89, along with Aaron Stroble '04, who came in fifth place, and Gavin Kuangparichat '03, who came in sixth. Next up was the 200 yard Individual Medley, in which Fiske, while winning, broke the 13-year old Choate pool record with a time of 2:11.66. Curtis came in third in this event, adding to Andover's point total and Cashman finished in sixth.

The 50 yard Freestyle, a fast sprint event, showcased the quickness of Andover, as Lo and Green finished 1 and 2, respectively, and Neuwirth coming in fifth by three tenths of a second.

So continued his dominance in the 100 yard Butterfly, taking second place, with Hill coming in fourth, and Kuangparichat taking a solid sixth. Lo then won his second event, taking the 100 yard Freestyle with a time of 57.10. Green wasn't close behind, taking fourth, and Randt finishing in

sixth. Fiske claimed the lone distance event of the meet, the 500 yard Freestyle, with an outstanding time of 5:27.99. Stroble, aided by distance training, took fourth place, while Kaufman came in at sixth place.

Diving was to come next. The divers, Jonathan MacMillan '03 and Paull Randt '04 performed adequately. MacMillan, overcoming a pulled back, failed his forward double and proceeded to take second place, executing his inward dive and reverse dive for 7's. Randt showed great promise with his diving, beating the Choate diver in his first competition to take the third place spot.

At this point in the meet, Andover had held off strong Choate point gains to lead by a margin of 66 to 59. Choate unfortunately won the next event, the 200 yard Freestyle Relay, with Andover's two relay teams coming in second and fourth, making the score a close 70-69, in favor of Andover. With Curtis coming in second, Neuwirth coming in third, and Kaufman finishing fourth, Andover swept the 100 yard Backstroke, increasing its lead to 79-76.

Choate finally pulled ahead in the points, with strong showings in the 100 yard Breaststroke. In this event Hill finished second with a 1:15.47, Noll came in at a solid fourth place, and Cashman took sixth, and the score was 86-85. Only one event was left, the 400 Freestyle Relay, and it came down to the finish. Though both Andover's and Choate's first relay teams finished with the exact same time, Andover was untimely disqualified for a false-start, while Andover's second and third relay teams came in third and fourth, respectively. So, at the end of a hard fought battle, Choate squeaked out a win, 96-87.

Andover, though it did not emerge as the victor, sees this first meet as a stepping stone, and as an indication of greater things to come from its swimmers and divers.

Boys Swimming Doubles Up NMH Behind Relays to Claim Second Win

by B. Kaufman and J.C. MacMillan
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Andover
NMH
125
58



Andover Boys Swimming started off their third meet of the year with yet another bus-ride, this time to Northfield Mount Hermon.

Andover had gone through a rigorous week of practicing and was feeling the effects of the sicknesses traveling around the school; however, they felt prepared enough to come away with a win. Big Blue's efforts eventually paid off as they won triumphantly, 125-58, improving their record to 2-1. As Andover had grown accustomed to, they again took the two top spots in the 200 yard medley relay, with the first squad of Brian Fiske '03, Cameron Curtis '03, captain Albert So '01, and Jonathan Lo '02 clocking in with a time of 1:42.68. Andover's second relay of Bryce Kaufman '03, Daniel Noll '01, David Hill '03, and Adam Green '01 wasn't close behind, and the third relay of Jason Cheung '01, Michael Cashman '02, Alex Thornton '01, and Eric Chung '03 took fifth, securing Andover's lead, 12 to 2.

Although Curtis lost a first place finish in a touch-out with an NMH swim-

mer in the 200 yard freestyle, Aaron Strobble '04 and Gavin Kuangparichat '03 were able to take second and third, respectively, and helped to win the event for Andover. Fiske was able to breeze through the 200 yard individual medley with a time of 1:58.3, about a second off of his own school-record, set last year; the highlight, however, was Hill battling back from the sizable lead of an NMH swimmer on the breaststroke portion of the event and overpowering him to take second place. Cashman took a solid fifth place, adding to Andover's tally. Green decisively captured the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 23.19, while Noll and Thornton were able to place fourth and fifth. At this juncture, the score stood at Andover-41, NMH-21.

Diving won the team nine points with J.C. MacMillan '03 and Paul Randt '04 taking first and third respectively. MacMillan achieved an all time best of 225.45, earning above 40 points on four of his six dives. He competed his forward 1 1/2 pike, his forward 2 1/2 tuck, his inward 1 1/2 tuck, his back 1 1/2 pike, his reverse 1 1/2 tuck and his forward somersault with two twists. MacMillan's new 'degree of difficulty' helps him bring his diving to a new level of competition. Randt also earned an all-time best of 172.70, competing his forward 1 1/2 pike, his forward double tuck, his back somersault tuck, his reverse somersault tuck, his inward dive pike, and his forward somersault with one twist. He scored consistent 6's,

which was very respectable. Randt came in only 11 points behind the NMH diver, whose 'degree of difficulty' paralleled MacMillan's. Now, Andover exactly doubled NMH's score, 50-25.

In the 100 yard butterfly, So swam a fantastic time of 56.55, tying his competitor from NMH while Hill took second with a time of 59.10 and Kuangparichat took third. Lo and Green then took first and third, respectively, in the 100 yard freestyle. Unfortunately, Thornton got edged out and took sixth, despite a hard effort. Fiske then powered himself to another win in the 500 yard freestyle with a time of 4:55.26. Strobble swam well, taking third, while Kaufman placed fifth.

Andover then swept the 200 yard freestyle relay, taking the top two spots and putting the score at 91-46. Kaufman, making up for his poor placing in the 500, won the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 1:03.19, followed immediately by Randt and Cheung, handing Andover the event with a 1-2-3 finish. The rest of the meet was almost an afterthought, as So and Noll finished first and second in the 100 yard breaststroke along with Cashman, who came in fifth. Big Blue's 400 freestyle relays ended the meet with first, third, and fourth place finishes, and the score was finally 125-58.

"We swam well, but this week we're going to make sure they're tired after practices," commented coaches Loring Strudwick and Scott Hoening.

Brian Fiske '03 Shatters PA and Personal Record; Exeter Topples Andover 91-49 in Boys Swimming

by Bryce Kaufman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Exeter
Andover

91
49



BOYS SWIMMING

Bobby Edwards' spectacular national anthem psyched up the Blue swimmers to faced off against a strong, senior laden

Exeter team.

The 200 Yard Medley Relay set a dangerous tone for the meet, as Exeter's first relay team swam a 1:39.13 to the Andover first team's 1:41.92. The Exies second relay team took third place by a second, while Andover's second and third relay teams took fourth and fifth, respectively. Captain Albert So '01 battled tough competition through the 200 Yard Freestyle to take third place with a season best time of 1:49.70; however, Cameron Curtis '03 injured his hamstring during the race and was unable to finish. Freshman Aaron Stroble '04 swam a solid time of 1:59.39, but was unable to overcome the Exeter swimmers, coming in fifth.

One of the real battles of the swim meet was a showcase between Brian Fiske '03 and McLean '02 from Exeter in the 200-Yard Individual Medley. McLean took it out quickly in the Butterfly portion, however Fiske pulled even during the Backstroke. Fiske powered through the breaststroke to take a slim lead, but McLean finished the freestyle strongly, touching out Fiske by .6 of a second. In doing so, McLean broke the New England Prep School record for the event, while Fiske broke his own school record, set last year, with a spectacular time of 1:54.30.

The 50-Yard Freestyle was another battle-ground, as five of the six swimmers broke the :23 second mark in the event. Adam Green '01 took second place for Andover, losing first by only .02 seconds with a time of 22.33. Jon

Lo '02 took fifth place, but was extremely close, with only fractions of seconds separating him from his competitors. Though Cashman unfortunately took sixth, he still swam a fast time of 24.83 seconds against steep competition.

J.C. MacMillan '03 dove very well. He received a score of 219.5, more than 20 points in front of his component. He competed a diving list with a very high degree of difficulty. He did his best dive a forward 2 1/2 somersault. He finished with a practically flawless entry on his forward twisting dive.

Paul Randt '04 took third place. He aced his back dive for a 29.6 point total. He finished with a back somersault that scored him a 5, 5, and 5 1/2 enough to quite easily beat two Exeter divers.

MacMillan '03 is a diving god. Aside from doing some of the coolest dives seen by a Phillips Academy audience in the last 5 years, he also creamed all three Exeter divers.

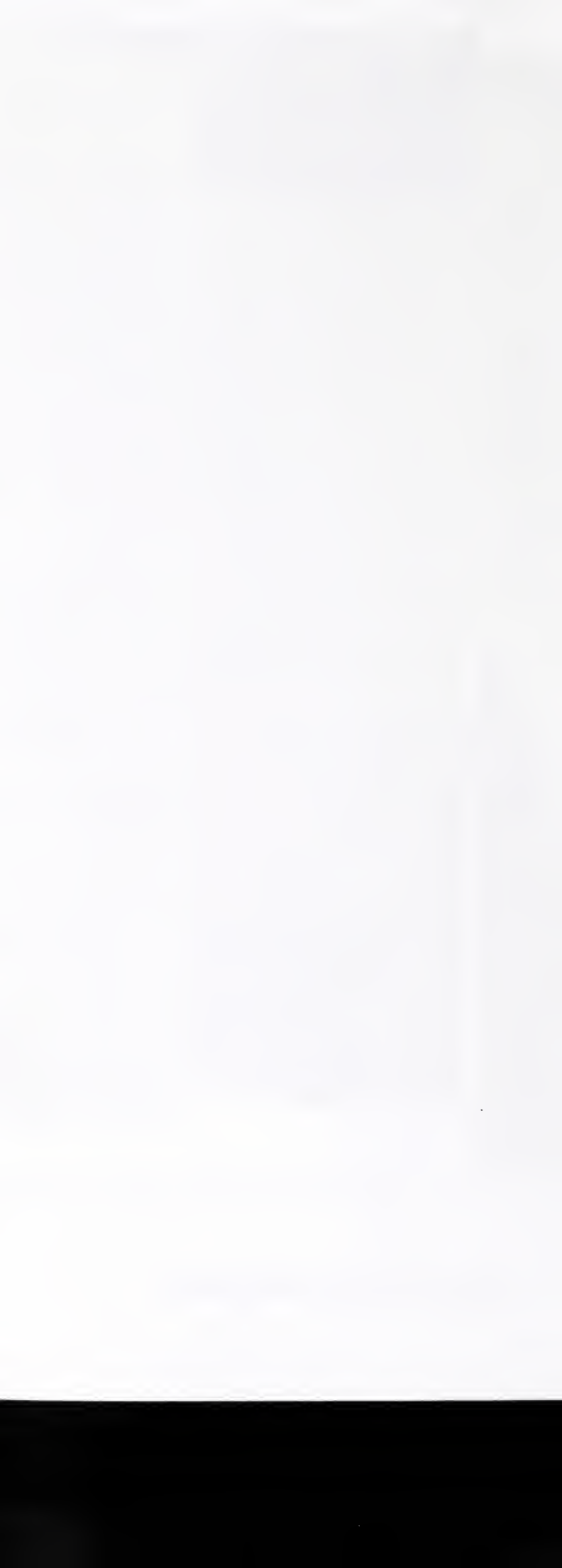
The score stood at Exeter-50, Andover-28. Next up was the 100 Yard Butterfly, with Ben Neuwirth '02, Lo, and Gavin Kuangparichat '03 all swimming well, coming in fifth, second, and sixth, respectively. So then came in third for the second time, with a great time of :49.49 in the 100 Yard Freestyle, while Green took fourth, and Randt placed sixth.

Fiske continued his domination by taking first in the 500 Yard Freestyle with a time of 4:54.23, while Stroble took fifth with a new best time of 2:20.81 and Bryce Kaufman '03 placed sixth.

Andover's first relay team took second place in the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay, while the second and third relay teams placed fourth and sixth. The score at this juncture now stood at 91-49, Exeter firmly in the lead. McLean from Exeter then swam the 100 Backstroke in an amazing time of :51.48, while Neuwirth took the second spot. Kaufman failed to swim a season best, but managed to place fourth, while Jason Cheung '01 took sixth.

A disqualification by an Exeter swimmer in the 100 Yard Breaststroke allowed Hill and Daniel Noll '01 to take second and fourth, respectively, while Cashman finished with a time of 1:17.79. Andover kept its cool, and placed second, fourth and sixth in the 400 Freestyle Relay, ending the meet, as Coaches Scott Hoenig and Loring Strudwick put it, "with some best times, and some not so good times." "The way we see it, they still have one more week of tapering to get rested and prepared for Interschols," they noted.

Feb. 23



Lo, Fiske Look To Lead Team

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Andover Boys' Swimming ended a great season at the N.E.P.S.S.A Championships at Exeter's pool with a

third place finish, behind Exeter and Choate, and just in front of Hotchkiss. Though the seniors on the team will be sorely missed, several swimmers are ready to step up to the challenge, including new co-captains Jon Lo '02 and Brian Fiske '03.

Although Andover came out gunning in its first meet against Choate-Rosemary Hall, they unfortunately fell, 96-87. The meet went down to the wire, with the last event, the 400 Freestyle Relay, deciding who would win. A disqualification against Andover's first relay team left Choate with a first place finish in the event, and Big Blue was forced to return back to campus without a win.

Another long bus-ride awaited Andover as they traveled to Loomis-Chaffee for their second meet of the season. The very first event of the meet set the tone, as Andover's first and second relay teams took first and second in the 200 Medley Relay. There was not one event in which Andover did not place first, even though the last event, the 400 Freestyle Relay, was swum exhibition by all three of Andover's relay squads. This gave all the points to Loomis, and Big Blue took the meet, 114-70.

The third meet up was at Northfield-Mount Hermon. Yet again, the first two spots in the 200 Medley Relay went to Andover. Save the 200 Yard Freestyle, every top spot went to Andover. Another solid victory, 125-58, helped to solidify Andover's position in the league.

The first home meet of the season, which was against Deerfield, would not disappoint the home team's spectators. Adam Green '01 and Lo stepped up big in the 50 Yard Freestyle, taking first and second, respectively, while swimming some of the fastest times in

the league at that time. Determined performances by captain Albert So '01, Lo, David Hill '03, and Fiske helped lead Andover to prevent Deerfield from placing first in anything and in winning, 114-67.

The second home meet continued Big Blue's streak, as the Hopkins School found itself steam-rolled despite having some talented swimmers. Andover's depth in swimmers helped to deny key points to Hopkins and secure a huge 120-65 win.

In the next meet, a tri-meet against both Williston North-Hampton and Suffield Academy, Andover was to face some steep competition. Fiske, in swimming the 200 Yard Individual Medley, broke the Williston pool record and won the event. After all the nail-biting finishes and gutsy performances, Andover came out victorious, 77-23 against Williston, and 61-37 against Suffield.

A difficult meet against Exeter faced Andover as it prepared for Interschols. Though the Big Blue fought valiantly against its strong foe, it was not able to overcome Exeter, and worked on improving personal times for seedings at Interschols instead of trying to win the meet. A tough 120-66 loss did not dampen Andover's spirits however; rather, they were ready to work and get ready for the championships.

Andover ended a strong season with a 6-2 record with a third place finish at the Championships. Though Exeter swept the meet unchallenged, Andover had to battle its way against Choate and Hotchkiss, with the lead constantly being passed from team to team, until Choate broke away in points and Hotchkiss was left to fight with the Big Blue. Every single point earned by every swimmer counted, as Andover squeaked by half a point above Hotchkiss. Though the presence of the seniors will be missed, as well as the coaching staff of Loring Strudwick and Scott Hoenig, who will both be venturing out beyond Andover, a still solid team will be returning next year, with the hope that yet another successful season can be churned out.



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Co-Captain Elect Jon Lo '02 leads the field in the 100 Yard Butterfly.

AFTER FOUR YEARS SENIORS DEPART WITH 38 VICTORIES

BENN '02 CAPTAIN-ELECT

Promising Junior Kate Page Shatters Three School Records

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records. Team members in the class of 2001 hold over half of the school swim records, and every school record except one was set during their career. These four-year seniors boast an incredible 38-1-2 career record swimming for the Big Blue. The last four years have been the most successful in Andover Swimming and Diving history.

Despite the fact that the team will be graduating over half of its members, next year looks promising. Bringing with them a great deal of speed and helping to fill the ten empty spots will be Hee-Jin Chang '05, Alexandra Doty '05, and Elizabeth Demers '05. Chang, whose specialties include the 50 and 100 freestyle, was a member of Korea's 2000 Sydney Olympic team. Doty, hailing from Lunenburg, Massachusetts, was the 100 back and 100 butterfly New England Champion for her age group this past spring. Demers, a resident of North Andover, will be one to watch next winter as she joins her sister, Sarah Demers '03, in the 100 breast and 200 individual medley.

Captain-elect Anneka Benn '02, coming off a strong swim season, where she placed 11th and 15th in the 100 breaststroke and 200 IM respectively, asserted, "This year's seniors contributed a great deal of speed as well as spirit for the rest of the team and will be missed next year. I am, however, optimistic about the new athletes and returners. I think we will be able to show everyone that we can still compete with the best in New England."

SPORT: Swimming - girls

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Sphe Cowan, Sydney Freas

MANAGERS: Michael Jaffe

COACH: Paul Murphy

ASSISTANT COACH:

SEASON RECORD

WON 9 **LOST** 0 **TIED** 1

Letter Winners

Anderson, Jane E.

Bambuck, Maeva M.

Benn, Anneka K.

Blitzer, Margaret C.

Chang, Kristina C.

Cowan, Sophie M. ©

Demers, Sarah J.

Dybwad, Katherine F.

Ferranti, Sarah V.

Foster, Ashley F.

Foxwell, Elizabeth L.

Freas, Sydney J. ©

Heilweil, Jessica S.

Jaffe, Michael A. mgr

Murphy, Devin J.

Nickerson, Lauren A.

O'Connor, Kerryn

Page, Kathryn E.

Scanlon, Janis M.

Schmidt, Arielle J.

Spink, Helen C.

Thornton Emily R.

Girls Swimming – Varsity

2000 – 2001

| Name | Class | Hometown |
|-----------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Anderson, Jane E. | 2003 | Concord, NH |
| Bambuck, Maeva M. | 2001 | Villennes-Sur-Seine |
| Benn, Anneka K. | 2002 | Hanover, NH |
| Blitzer, Margaret C. | 2001 | Durham, NH |
| Chang, Kristina C. | 2003 | Atherton, CA |
| Cowan, Sophie M. © | 2001 | Andover, MA |
| Demers, Sarah J. | 2003 | North Andover, MA |
| Dybwad, Katherine F. | 2002 | Berkley, CA |
| Ferranti, Sarah V. | 2001 | Andover, MA |
| Foster, Ashley F. | 2001 | Danville, NH |
| Foxwell, Elizabeth L. | 2002 | Hinsdale, IL |
| Freas, Sydney J. © | 2001 | Honolulu, HI |
| Heilweil, Jessica S. | 2001 | Atlanta, GA |
| Jaffe, Michael A. mgr | 2002 | Wilton, CT |
| Murphy, Devin J. | 2001 | Minot, ME |
| Nickerson, Lauren A. | 2002 | Ipswich, MA |
| O'Connor, Kerry | 2001 | Andover, MA |
| Page, Kathryn E. | 2004 | Boxford, MA |
| Scanlon, Janis M. | 2003 | Andover, MA |
| Schmidt, Arielle J. | 2003 | Burr Ridge, IL |
| Spink, Helen C. | 2002 | Valley City, OH |
| Thornton Emily R. | 2001 | New Bedford, MA |

GIRLS SWIMMING OFF WITH A SHARP WIN OVER CHOATE

Veteran Squad Knows the Waters

“Depth Key to Success,”
Says Coach Murphy
On Girls Team

by Jane Anderson
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 122 |
| Choate | 66 |



The Girls Varsity Swim team has started off the season with a bang. Last Saturday the

girls participated in their first competition of the season, and defeated Choate by a final score of 122-66.

Coach Paul Murphy was very pleased with the final results. He commented, “Choate had some fast swimmers, but they do not have depth. Even when they won, we went second, third, and fourth. That depth is what makes this team so successful.”

In the first event of the day, the two hundred medley relay, Andover placed first, second and third, sweeping the whole event. The relay team of Sydney Freas '01, Sarah Demers '03, Meg Blitzer '01, and Kate Page '04, took first with an impressive time of 2:09.74. Following the relay, Devin Murphy '01 placed first in the two hundred freestyle with a time of 2:17.93. Karen O'Connor '01 finished right behind Murphy in second, and Kristina Chang '03 finished a strong fourth.

In the two hundred individual medley Anneka Benn '02 took second with a time of 2:38.82. Lauren Nickerson '02 and Jessica Heilwell '01 finished fourth and fifth in the event. In an exciting fifty freestyle race, Freas pulled through with a win-

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PA Girls Sweep Medley Relay and 100 Breaststroke



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Diver Lizzie Lasater '01 enters the water in Saturday's competition against Choate.

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ning time of 28.13. O'Connor and Murphy took third and fourth to add to Andover's dominating score. Before the diving, the Andover girls were ahead 42-22.

In another highlight of the day, diver Janis Scanlon '03 finished with a point total of 201.45 to grab first place in the diving competition. Liz Lasater '01 placed third in the diving with 164.3 points and Katie Dibwad '02 followed in fourth.

After the diving break, the girls led by a score of 53-27, and more Andover domination was in store. The

100 butterfly was one of the best races of the day. Demers captured first with a time of 1:10.45. Blitzer and Sarah Ferranti '01 grabbed third and fourth place for Andover.

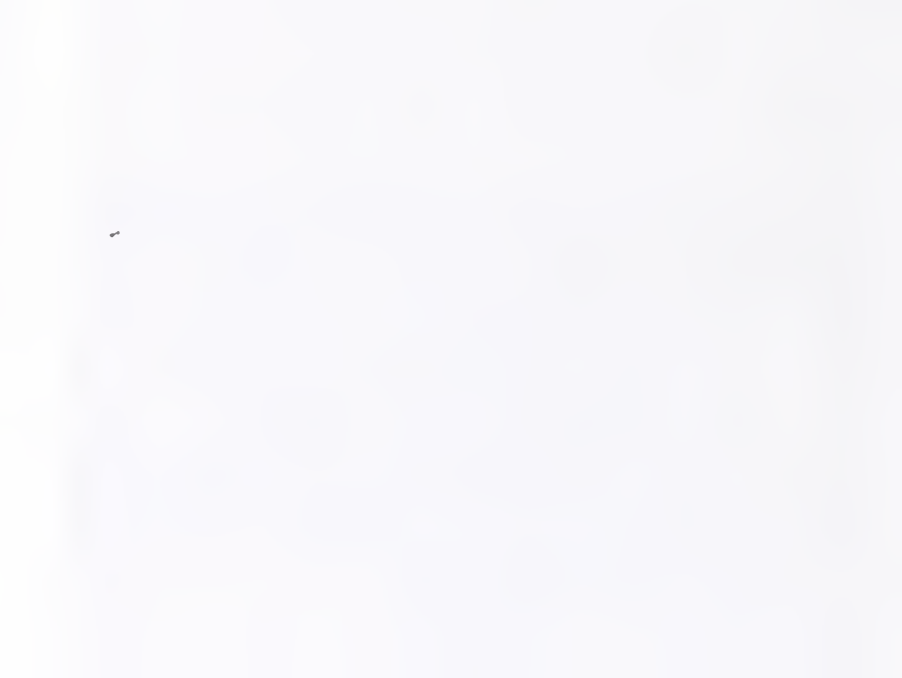
In a tight 100 freestyle, Freas finished second with a time of 1:03.54. Chang and Beth Foxwell '02, both new to the team, finished strongly in third and fourth. Page took the 500 freestyle with an outstanding time of 5:40, leaving the closest Choate competitor thirty-five seconds behind. Sophie Cowan '01 and Ashley Foster '01 took third and fourth for Andover.

In the two hundred freestyle relay, Andover finished a strong second, third and fourth. The team of O'Connor, Murphy, Page and Blitzer finished with a superb time of 1:54.94. In the one hundred backstroke, the girls again finished second, third and fourth with Ferranti leading the way with a time of 1:13.26. Foxwell and Nickerson followed closely behind.

In a sweep of the one hundred breaststroke, Demers took first with a winning time of 1:21.28, with Benn and Foster following right behind. At this point, Andover was so far ahead that the last event, the four hundred free relay, would not affect the outcome of the meet. Even so, Andover prevailed and the team of Blitzer, Murphy, Freas, and Page took first with a time of 4:16.79.

The final score of the meet was 122-66. Overall, the team is off to a good start. Although the squad lost a few dominant good seniors last year, coach Murphy is pleased that they have been replaced with "a little bit more speed and diversity."

With their hardest competitors and biggest meets further along in the season, coach Murphy says the team will have their "eyes on Exeter all through the season" and will "continue to raise their level of dedication."



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Sarah Ferranti '01 powers out the final piece of the 100-meter butterfly in which she placed fourth.

Same 'Ole, Same 'Ole: NMH Battles but Falls to Girls Swim

by Jane Anderson and Kristina Chang

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**Andover
NMH**

**129
54**



Andover Girls Swimming crushed the Northfield Mount Hermon Hoggars last weekend in an impres-

sive 129-54 victory. The squad's captains, Sophie Cowan '01 and Sydney Freas '01, were both absent from the meet, however, the girls still managed to dominate the pool with their energy and fast swims.

The meet commenced with an exciting 200-medley relay race. The team of Kate Page '04, Meg Blitzer '01, Sarah Demers '03, and Devin Murphy '01 dominated the event finishing first with a winning time of 1:58:45. In a close race for second, the first NMH relay barely squeaked in front of the second Andover relay, which finished with a time of 2:06:67, by .01 of a second. Andover ended the event with first, third, and fourth place finishes. Following the first high-powered event, Kristina Chang '04 took first place with a time of 2:07:51 in the 200 yd. freestyle with Anneka Benn '02 and Maeva Bambuck '01 finishing close behind to third and fourth place finishes.

The next event, the 200 individual medley, proved to be the highlight of the meet. Andover's Kate Page '04, Ashley Foster '01, and Jane Anderson '03 swept the competition swimming to first, second, and third place finishes. The spotlight was on Kate Page, however, as she set a new school record swimming the IM for the first time this season with a time of 2:12:66. Following this exciting new record, Kerryn O'Connor '01 won the 50 yard freestyle sprint with a time of 26.24, and Beth Foxwell '02 and Sarah Ferranti '01 swam hard to third and fourth place finishes respectively. After these four adrenaline-pumping events, the Andover girls led the Hoggars by a score of 45-16 heading into the diving.

The divers carried on the swimmers momentum with a phenomenal showing. Andover's divers, Katie Dybwad '02, Janis Scanlon '03, and captain Liz Lasater '01 added to the

impressive lead by sweeping the event and Scanlon taking home her third win of the season with a score of 213.10. Dybwad and Lasater finished with strong scores of 149.15 and 148.9.

After the diving break, the Andover girls flexed their muscles by sweeping the 100-yard butterfly. Demers took first place with a time of 1:03.25. O'Connor and Anderson finished second and third leaving the closest NMH swimmer to finish four seconds later. Although Andover took third, fourth and fifth place finishes in the ensuing 100-yard freestyle, Chang, Ferranti, and Helen Spink '02 had strong performances. The 500-yard freestyle, however, proved to be a success for the Big Blue. Blitzer and Murphy made rare appearances in this grueling event. Murphy took first with a time of 5:32.10 and Blitzer came from behind to beat a NMH swimmer in the last 100 yards, finishing second with a time of 5:38.29.

The Andover train steamed on to win the 200 freestyle relay with a team of Demers, Emily Thorton '01, Ferranti, and Murphy in a time of 1:46.54, and the two other Andover relay teams cruised to second and fourth places. The next event, the 100 backstroke has been a strong event for the Big Blue all season. Foxwell, Benn, and Demers took second, third, and fourth to improve the Andover's lead of 117-52.

The 100-yard breaststroke was another thrilling race in which the girls placed second, third, and fourth. Jess Heilweil '01 led the Andover pack finishing second in 1:17.86 with Foster and Lauren Nickerson '02 finishing close behind. To cap off a terrific meet, the girls in blue powered to first, second, and fourth place finishes in the 400 freestyle relay. The team of Blitzer, O'Connor, Murphy, and Page cruised to victory in a fast time of 3:52.18.

Tomorrow, in their first home meet of the season, the Big Blue will take on Deerfield Academy at 3:30 PM. The competition provided by the girls in Green will deliver a challenge to the undefeated Andover squad. Go Big Blue!

Girls Swimming Rules the Pool, Aiming for Undefeated Season

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| Andover | 78 |
| Williston | 23 |
| Andover | 85 |
| Suffield | 17 |



In a spectacular splash of talent, the Andover 'Swimmin' Women' crushed the competition of Williston, 78-23, and Suffield, 85-17, winning all but one event in the only double duel meet of the season and the last meet before Exeter travels to Andover on Wednesday, February 21 to challenge the undefeated Big Blue Powerhouse.

Andover's dominated in the 200 Medley Relay. They took first was the team of Kate Page '04, Sarah Demers '03, Sydney Freas '01, and Kerry O'Connor '01 in a time of 1:56.28 and taking second in a strong performance was the team of Lauren Nickerson '02, Annela Benn '02, Emily Thorton '01, and Beth Foxwell '02. The next event, the 200 Freestyle, was conquered by Devin Murphy '01 in a time of 2:03.95 and Maeva Bambuck '01 finished strongly taking second against Williston and fourth against Suffield in a time of 2:12.41.

Andover pulled out another impressive 1-2 finish in the 200 Individual Medley with Freas taking the win in 2:18.13. Demers came in second, 6 seconds before the first Suffield swimmer and an amazing 15 seconds before the first Williston finisher with a time of 2:21.67. A fast 50 freestyle race followed, and Andover's Sophie Cowan '01 and O'Connor sped to first and second against Suffield and placed second and third against Williston.

The Big Blue were riding high on the tidal wave of victory heading into the diving, where Janis Scanlon '03 and Liz Lasater '01 kept the momentum flowing. Scanlon continued her dominance on the board taking first with 192.7 points with Lasater capturing second place.

Meg Blitzer '01 and Sarah Ferranti '01 fulfilled the previous levels of achievement in the 100 Butterfly by tak-

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ing first and second respectively. Blitzer's winning time was 1:03.11 and Ferranti finished right at her heels with a time of 1:04.16. The 100 freestyle displayed two of Andover's sprinting talents, Freas and Murphy, who swept Suffield and placed first and second against Williston. Freas finished with a time of 54.73 and Murphy in 57.84.

Kate Page finished in a time of 5:10.34 in the 500 freestyle, taking first place in an unbelievable 29 seconds before the second place finisher, Sophie Cowan. Cowan had a strong swim and finished in a time of 5:39.63, a solid 15 seconds before the third place finisher from Suffield.

The 200 Free Relay brought with the quick 50 yard sprint legs a new burst of energy and enthusiasm for the Big Blue. Andover's first relay of Blitzer, O'Connor, Foxwell, and Murphy took home the win in a time of 1:45.20. Andover's second relay entry snagged a second place finish against Suffield and a third place finish against Williston with a time of 1:50.89. Nickerson and Foxwell used the energy vibe provided by the relays to claim first and second place finishes in the next event, the 100 Backstroke, with times of 1:06.55 and 1:07.02 respectively.

Demers won the 100 Breaststroke in close race in a time of 1:11.19 and Benn took third against both Suffield and Williston in a time of 1:15.95. The Andover team of O'Connor, Murphy, Page, Freas in the 400 relay cruised to an easy win in a time of 3:48.43 while the race for second place just started to heat up. The Andover relay team of Helen Spink '02, Thorton, Blitzer, and Cowan battled to the finish, but were touched out by .27 of a second, and ended up taking third against Suffield and second against Williston.

The outstanding effort and energy of all swimmers and divers led to an afternoon of domination, and the Big Blue emerged victorious in all but one event. This powerful and talented team looks ahead to next Wednesday when they will take on the competition from Exeter in hopes of accomplishing yet another undefeated season.

Girls Swimming Reigns Undeclared Victory Over Exeter Completes Season

by Helen Spink and Kristina Chang

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

**Andover
Exeter**

**96
90**



PA's undefeated "Swimmin' Women" ended their regular season with a splash last

Wednesday, pulling out a close win over Phillips Exeter Academy 96-90 in an intense battle to the finish.

The stands were filled with enthusiastic parents and fans as the girls saw three Andover/Exeter records, one school record, and two pool records come crashing down. Coach Paul Murphy commented, "I am just so proud of this entire team of swimmers and divers. They continue to impress me with their hard work and great attitudes!"

The meet began with a thrilling win for Andover in the 200 medley relay. The team of Kate Page '04, Sarah Demers '03, Captain Sydney Freas '01, and Keryn O'Connor '01

over a second, and set a new pool record with a time of 1:53.25. The girls battled out the Exies in the 200 freestyle with Meg Blitzer '01, Devin Murphy '01 and Kristina Chang '04 placing second, fourth, and sixth respectively.

The 200 individual medley followed with Page easily winning the event by four seconds, clocking a time of 2:12.72.

Demers and Annika Benn '02 followed with fourth and fifth place finishes. The 50 freestyle was an excellent event for Andover with swimmers finishing first, second, and fifth.

Cowan led the pack with a time of 25.67 and O'Connor, five-one-hundredths of a second behind, slipped into second. Beth Foxwell '02 took fifth in a strong showing. The Big Blue power house racked up a ten-point lead with a score of 36-26 heading into the diving.

The divers put on quite a show, keeping the lead for Andover. The divers, Janis Scanlon '03, Captain Liz Lasater '01, and Katie Dybwad '02 took second, third, and sixth. Their scores were 206.4, 179.4, and 151.8 respectively. Congratulations to the

lady divers on finishing their regular season so strongly. The score after diving was a close 43-35.

After the diving break and a short warm up, the girls the Big Blue took care of all unfinished business, breaking three more records. The 100 butterfly was one of the best races of the afternoon with Blitzer, Sarah Ferranti '01, and Jane Anderson '03 placing second, fourth, and sixth. Blitzer swam an amazing time of 1:00.39, breaking the school record previously held by Megan Ramsey '00.

This was a personal best for Blitzer and a season best by over a second. Andover continued to rock the pool with a win in the 100 freestyle by Freas. She clocked a time of 54.45 coming within only hundredths of her own Andover/Exeter record. Murphy and Foxwell followed with fourth and fifth place finishes.

The 500 free, always a strong event for Andover, was not a disappointment. Page won the race breaking the Andover/Exeter record set last year by Exeter at 5:07.31. Her nearest competition was fifteen seconds behind. Cowan and Maeva

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Meg Blitzer '01 finished second in the Girl's 100m Butterfly en route to Andover's 96-90 victory over Exeter.

LATE SURGE PUSHES GIRLS SWIMMING OVER THE TOP

Smashes Records

Tough Competition Spurs Personal Bests

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Bambuck '01 swam to third and sixth place finishes. The girls, not satisfied with just two Andover/Exeter records, turned on the speed in the 200 freestyle relay.

The team of Blitzter, Murphy, Freas, and O'Connor finished with a time of 1:41.62, re-claiming another Andover/Exeter record taken by Exeter last year and setting a new pool record. Andover's second relay also finished strongly with Foxwell, the anchor, swimming a fast split of 25.4 to a third place finish.

The 100 backstroke followed with Freas, Ferranti, and Lauren Nickerson '02 placing second, fifth, and sixth. Demers won the 100 breaststroke, in a great show of talent with a time of 1:10.82.

Benn and Jess Heilweil '01 finished well edging out the Exeter competition with third and fifth place finishes. Andover finished the Exies off in the 400 freestyle relay.

The team of Blitzter, O'Connor, Murphy, and Page finished second. The other Andover relays fourth and sixth. The final score was Andover 96, Exeter 90.

Big Blue's swimmin' women followed their victory by pushing Coach Murphy into the pool. Captain Freas along with the rest of the team, was ecstatic.

With the all important Interschols approaching in a little over a week, the girls are gearing up for the ride, and Captain Sophie Cowan '01 commented, "The team has been working hard all season, and our efforts showed through last Wednesday.

Hopefully, we will finish the season with some great swims and a win at Interschols." Good luck to the Big Blue as they head to Exeter on next Sunday to hopefully win another New England Championship.

Andover Girls Swimming vs. Exeter

| Event | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th |
|-----------------------|--|--|---|--|---|---|
| 200 Medley Relay | Page, Demers, Freas, O'Connor 1:53.25 | Norean, Reed, Knapp, Palmer 1:54.72 | Anderson, Ferranti, Benn, Cowan 1:58.92 | Jones, McIvor, Gilhooly, Barry 1:59.01 | Nickerson, Foster, Thornton, Heilwell 2:05.36 | Tiernam, Boncher, Fontaine, Tiernam 2:07.63 |
| 200 Freestyle | Smirnova 1:57.76 | Blitzer 2:00.97 | Shein 2:02.36 | Murphy 2:03.08 | Ridgway 2:05.93 | Chang 2:08.22 |
| 200 Individual Medley | Page 2:12.72 | Barry 2:16.45 | Knapp 2:19.11 | Demers 2:19.61 | Benn 2:21.40 | Moreau 2:25.51 |
| 50 Freestyle | Cowan 25.67 | O'Connor 25.72 | Barron 25.88 | Phillips 25.93 | Foxwell 26.04 | Palmer 26.07 |
| 1 Meter Diving | Kennedy 228.2 | Scanlon 206.4 | Lasater 179.4 | Sweeney 172.0 | Luck 155.25 | Dybwad 151.8 |
| 100 Butterfly | Smirnova 1:00.25 | Blitzer 1:00.39 | Knapp 1:01.45 | Ferranti 1:04.35 | Fontaine 1:06.12 | Anderson 1:08.66 |
| 100 Freestyle | Freas 54.45 | M. Phillips 55.91 | A. Barron 56.62 | Murphy 56.69 | Foxwell 59.93 | Palmer 1:00.96 |
| 500 Freestyle | Page 5:07.31 | Barry 5:22.52 | Cowan 5:31.22 | Bianhand 5:32.53 | Jones 5:35.51 | Bambuck 5:40.89 |
| 200 Freestyle Relay | Blitzer, Murphy, Freas, O'Connor 1:41.62 | Barron, Palmer, Phillips, Smirnova 1:41.71 | Thornton, Chang, Benn, Foxwell 1:46.05 | Reed, Knapp, Ridgway, Gilhooly 1:46.36 | Liang, Fontaine, Tiernam, Taft 1:52.71 | Hallwell, Spink, Bambeck, Anderson 1:53.52 |
| 100 Back Stroke | Moreau 1:00.90 | Freas 1:02.44 | Shein 1:02.57 | Jones 1:02.64 | Farranti 1:04.17 | Nickerson 1:07.47 |
| 100 Breast Stroke | Demers 1:10.82 | Reed 1:11.98 | Benn 1:15.93 | McIvor 1:16.71 | Heilwell 1:16.81 | Marin 1:18.94 |
| 400 Freestyle Relay | Phillips, Barm, Barron, Smirnova 3:43.30 | O'Connor, Blitzer Page, Murphy 3:48.48 | Ridgway, Tones, Reed, Chein 3:51.80 | Thornton, Spink, Bambuck, Benn 4:01.42 | Blanchard, Ternam, Gilhooly, Maresa 4:01.09 | Foster, Bambuck, Thornton, Ferranti 4:09.81 |

Girls Swimming Celebrates Perfect Season and 10 Records

by Kristina Chang and Helen Spink

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



The 2000-2001 Andover Swimmer Women finished their regular season undefeated! With Interschols this Sunday at Exeter, the girls hope to win the New England Championships. This season was truly amazing as the lady swimmers broke three pool records, three Andover/Exeter meet records, and four school records. (Note: There are eleven swimming events.) The divers also had an incredible season, winning at every meet with the exception of the Exeter meet.

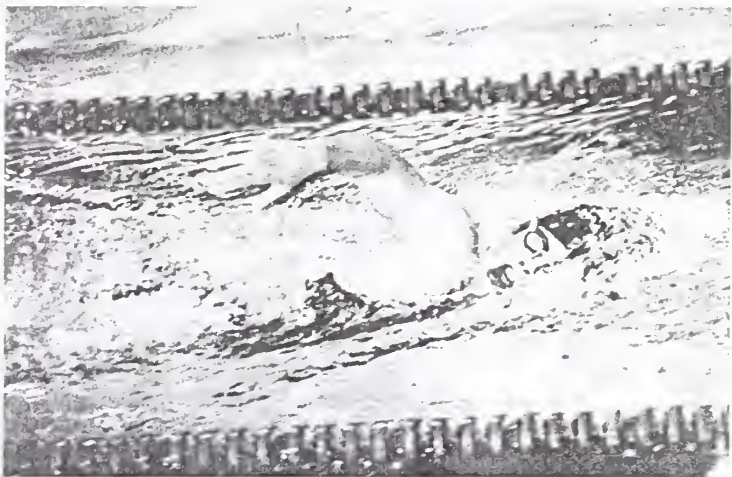
This season is also the end of an era. The team will be graduating ten senior swimmers and one diver at the close of the season. Six of these senior swimmers have been on the team for four years and four seniors hold school records, Andover/Exeter records, and pool records. Swimmers of the class of 2001 hold over half of the school records, and every school record except one was set during their career. These four year seniors boast an incredible 38-1-2 career record swimming for the Big Blue. The last four years have been the most successful in Andover swimming and diving history.

Captain Sydney Freas '01, who will matriculate and swim at Cornell University next fall, looks back on her

Andover career, commenting, "I have seen this team accomplish many remarkable things having only lost one meet during my career. It's been a great four years and I'll never forget it. We've had so many fun and amazing times, and being a part of this team has changed my life." Freas also holds the school record in the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle as well as being part of the record-breaking 200 freestyle, 400 freestyle, and 200 medley relays.

Two year Captain Sophie Cowan '01, a four-year member of the team, has led the girls to two consecutive undefeated seasons. She says, "It has been an incredible experience to be Captain for two years on a team that has such extraordinary depth and determination. We are all looking forward to Interschols and are confident that we will swim fast." Cowan plans to matriculate to Georgetown University as a retired swimmer and member of their sailing team.

Interscholastics at Phillips Exeter Academy will be the team's last meet together. Hopefully, after a week and a half of tapering, the girls will see some season bests and school records. Good luck to the Girls Varsity swim team as they battle it out on Sunday for the title of New England Swimming Champions.



J. LeSaffre/The Phillipian

Girls Swimming Splashes to Victory against Exeter last week, completing a flawless season.

Undefeated Girls Swimming Sets Unprecedented Eight Records

by Helen Spink
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Girls' Swimming 2000-2001 were undefeated in their regular season (9-0-1), and they topped off this

triumphant record with a second place finish at New England Championships. A truly amazing season for the lady swimmers, with the team breaking three Andover pool records, three Andover/Exeter meet records, eight school records, and one New England Prep School record.

School records were smashed at almost every meet making this season one of the most successful in Andover Swimming history. Out of the eleven swimming events in which records could be set, Andover made a mark in the record books in virtually all of them. Kate Page '04 broke the school record in the 200 freestyle, 500 freestyle, and 200 individual medley. She was a double winner at Intercholastics in the 200 and 500 freestyle events.

Captain Sydney Freas '01 broke her own school records in the 50 and 100 freestyle events, both of which she won at Interschols. Meg Blitzer '01 broke the school record in the 100 butterfly at Interschols where she placed fourth.

The team of Freas, Blitzer, Murphy, and Kerry O'Connor '01 swam to a second place finish at Interschols resetting their own school record with a time of 1:40.5. The team of Freas, Blitzer, Devin Murphy '01, and Page swam to a first place finish at Interschols where they set the school record, the Exeter pool record, and the New England 400 freestyle relay record. The New England 400 freestyle relay record is the only New England

Prep School record held by the Andover female swimmers and represents a remarkable accomplishment.

The divers capped off this very exciting season by placing three divers in the top sixteen at Interschols. This is quite impressive considering that there were thirty-two divers in the competition. Their hard work has paid off in establishing depth within the diving program. Janis Scanlon '03, Captain Liz Lasater '01, and Katy Dybwad '02 placed 3rd, 8th, and 14th respectively. Scanlon placed first at every meet of the regular season with the exception of Andover/Exeter.

"Depth is what makes this team so successful," commented Coach Paul Murphy. As Murphy pointed out, the team would not have come as far without those second, third, fourth, and fifth place finishes. At Interschols, for example, Andover placed all four of its swimmers in the top sixteen for the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke events. This is quite impressive considering that over twenty teams participate at the New England Championships, and each is allowed to enter up to four swimmers per event for a potential of eighty competitors per event. Contributing to the depth were Lauren Nickerson '02 (100 back and 200 IM), Beth Foxwell '02 (50 and 100 freestyle), Helen Spink '02 (50 and 100 freestyle), Jane Anderson '03 (100 backstroke and 100 butterfly), and Kristina Chang '04 (100 and 200 freestyle).

Captain Freas, who will swim at Cornell University next fall, earned the MVP nomination at Interschols. This honor is bestowed by the New England Prep School Swim Coaches Association. Having also received this award as a lower, Freas is the first recipient to earn this accolade twice.

Looking back at her Andover career, Freas commented, "I have seen this team accomplish many remarkable things, having only lost one meet during my four year career. We've had so many fun and amazing times, and being a part of this team has changed my life."

Two-year Captain Sophie Cowan '01, a four-year member of the team, has led the girls to two consecutive undefeated seasons. A finalist in both the 50 and 500 freestyle events, Cowan plans to matriculate to Georgetown University as a retired swimmer and active member of the sailing team. Commenting on her two years as captain Cowan stated, "It has been an incredible experience to be captain for two years on a team that has such extraordinary depth and determination."

This season is also the end of an era. Celebrating their final season with the Big Blue were seniors Meg Blitzer (4 yr. member), Sophie Cowan (4 yr. member, Swimming Captain), Sarah Ferranti (4 yr. member), Ashley Foster (4 yr. member), Sydney Freas (4 yr. member, Swimming Captain), Liz Lasater (4 yr. member, Diving Captain), Kerry O'Connor (4 yr. member), Jess Heilweil (3 yr. member), Devin Murphy (3 yr. member), Emily Thornton (3 yr. member), Maeva Bambuck (1 yr. member).

Six of these senior swimmers have been on the team for four years and four seniors hold school records, Andover/Exeter records, and pool

SPORT: Track - boys

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Emerson Sykes

MANAGERS:

COACH: Dick Collins

ASSISTANT COACH:

SEASON RECORD

WON 4 **LOST** 1 **TIED** 1

Letter Winners

Arensberg, William A.

Auld, David H.

Barkhuff, Patrick J.

Bass, Derrick A.

Bitz, Anthony H.

Chan, William Y.

Chiu, Peter

Coit, David M.

deVos, Aaron C.

Durana, Pablo

Feeny, Eric C.

Fuhrman, Weston P.

Galan, O'Shea S.

Hendley, Imran A.

Izeogu, Chimaobi O.

Jutras, Theodore C.

Kapor, Adam J.

Kehlenbeck, Alexander P.

Lantermann, Jonathan P.

Longley, Matthew J.

McKinnon, Andrew R.

Murmane, Charles H.

O'Donoghue, Geoffrey

Pucillo, Anthony W.

Sheldon, David M.

Sullivan, Danforth B.

Sykes, Emerson J. ©

Thompson, David B.

Wheadon, Kristin L.

Boys Track – Varsity
2000 – 2001

| Name | Class | Hometown |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Arensberg, William A. | 2001 | Louville, KY |
| Auld, David H. | 2001 | Belmont, MA |
| Barkhuff, Patrick J. | 2001 | Groton, MA |
| Bass, Derrick A. | 2002 | Brooklyn, NY |
| Bitz, Anthony H. | 2002 | Gainesville, FL |
| Chan, William Y. | 2001 | Winneka, CA |
| Chiu, Peter | 2003 | Wayland, MA |
| Coit, David M. | 2004 | New York, NY |
| deVos, Aaron C. | 2001 | Boxford, MA |
| Durana, Pablo | 2002 | Montreal, Canada |
| Feeny, Eric C. | 2001 | Woodside, CA |
| Fuhrman, Weston P. | 2001 | Chicago, IL |
| Galan, O'Shea S. | 2004 | New York, NY |
| Hendley, Imran A. | 2002 | Methuen, MA |
| Izeogu, Chimaobi O. | 2003 | Fayetteville, GA |
| Jutras, Theodore C. | 2001 | Wellesley, MA |
| Kapor, Adam J. | 2004 | Brookline, MA |
| Kehlenbeck, Alexander P. | 2001 | Needham, MA |
| Lanterman, Jonathan P. | 2003 | Redmond, WA |
| Longley, Matthew J. | 2003 | Yarmouth, ME |
| McKinnon, Andrew R. | 2001 | Brooklyn, NY |
| Murnane, Charles H. | 2001 | Andover, MA |
| O'Donoghue, Geoffrey P. | 2002 | Andover, MA |
| Pucillo, Anthony W. | 2003 | Oakville, Canada |
| Sheldon, David M. | 2004 | Andover, MA |
| Sullivan, Danforth B. | 2002 | Jaffrey, NH |
| Sykes, Emerson J. © | 2001 | Andover, MA |
| Thompson, David B. | 2001 | North Andover, MA |

Tri-Meet Vaults Boys Track to 2-0, but Injury Takes an Early Toll

by Tony Bitz
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 66 |
| Masconomet | 50 |
| Lynnfield | 2 |



Kicking off the Varsity season, Andover welcomed Lynnfield and

Masonomet for a triangular meet last Wednesday. Having had a long vacation and no real competition thus far, Coach Dick Collins' '49 boys seized this meet as an opportunity to assert themselves for upcoming meets and were quite successful, winning 66 to Masconomet's 50 and Lynnfield's 2. Also, with strong performances in a wide range of events from veterans and newcomers alike, the Blue looks to be a team to watch out for in the upcoming Dartmouth Relays. The meet was a victory, but also, and more importantly, a warm up for the more serious upcoming meets. However, on a bad note, in the Blue's decisive victory, they potentially lost the efforts of promising post-grad Laredo Ginn, who in exhibition vaulting seriously injured his ankle and is most likely out for the season

Starting the meet was the mile and the much-anticipated performances of cross-country crossovers Wes Fuhrman '01 and Pablo Durana '02. Right from the beginning Fuhrman and Durana took command of the race, with Durana taking first (in a blistering 4:34) and Fuhrman following in second (4:45). Showing also that the Blue can gain critical points in the lower places, Dan Sullivan '02 ran an admirable race and finished fourth with a time of 5:03. Meanwhile, in the

jumps, the trio of Captain Emerson Sykes '01, Ginn, and Peter Chiu '03 took second (18'10.25"), third (18'6.25"), and fourth (18'2") respectively with three solid jumps, outscoring the Masconomet winner.

In the 50-yard dash and hurdles, newcomer Charles Murnane '01 and veterans Sykes and Ben Hernandez '02 took half of the possible twenty-two points in the two events. In the hurdles, Murnane took second with a time of seven seconds flat, followed by Hernandez who earned fourth with a time of 8.2 seconds. Using that race as a warm-up, Murnane came right back to win the dash with a time of 5.9 seconds, followed by Sykes who took third (6.1).

Veterans earned the Blue's valuable points in the shot put. Derrick Bass '02, known more for his javelin arm outdoors than his shot-put arm indoors, took second for Andover (41'7"), followed by Andrew McKinnon '01 in third (40'), and Dean Felch '02, taking fourth (39'4").

Continuing in the running events, Andover's Austin Arensberg '01 and Geoff O'Donoghue '02, enjoying the drop down from the 5K they run all fall, represented the Blue well in the 600-yard dash, taking second (1:22.7) and fourth (1:28.9) respectively in two very challenging heats. In the two-mile, Pat Barkhuff '01 was the Blue's sole point scorer, and in a race that began at a blistering pace held on to finish second with a time of 10:58.9.

In the high jump, Murnane yet again took first place with a jump of 5'10". Newcomer to track, Eric Feeny '01 took third for the Blue (5'6") despite questionable form, indicating his heights will only improve this season. Rounding out the top four was Phillips' O'Shea Galan '04 who

jumped a height of 5'6".

Finishing up the running events were the 300-yard dash, the 1000-yard dash, and the mile relay. In the 300, veterans Sykes and Alex Kehlenbeck '01 took first and second respectively with times of 36.6 and 36.7 seconds from different heats. In the 1000-yard race, O'Donoghue came back with an impressive double, taking first with a time 2:38.4, followed by the Blue's Imran Hendley '02, who took fourth with a time of 2:49.9. Finally, in the mile relay, the impressive quartet of Durana, Kehlenbeck, Sykes, and Arensberg raced quite well running a combined time of 4:01.3 beating the closest team by fifteen seconds.

If the Blue learned anything from Wednesday victory, it was that they are a very versatile team, with runners like Sykes, Arensberg, O'Donoghue, and Murname, who scored multiple points in multiple events. Although not a team composed of many record breakers, the Blue's depth and versatility will be a major advantage in the later season as injuries become a serious factor for teams, as it has for already for the Andover, who must step it up to fill the valuable shoes Ginn's injury left empty. Meanwhile, bright and early on Saturday, Coach Collins' boys head north to Hanover for the Dartmouth Relays, where they will get a taste of the best competition in the northeast – and will, hopefully, display some of their own.



J. LeSaffre/ *The Philpian*

Boys' track captain Emerson Sykes '01 flies through the air en-route to his second place finish in the long jump.

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J. LeSaffre/The Phillpian

Eric Feeny '01, competing in the high jump for the first time, scrapes over the bar. Feeny went on to place third in the event.

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Phillips Academy Boys vs. Lynnfield vs. Masconomet

1st Place = 5 pts. 2nd Place = 3 pts. 3rd Place = 2 pts. 4th Place = 1 pt.

| Event | Competitor | T | Time | Competitor | T | Time | Competitor | T | Time | Competitor | T | Time |
|-----------------|------------|----|--------|------------|----|---------|------------|----|--------|------------|----|--------|
| 50 Yds. Hurdles | Hoover | M | 6.9 | Murnane | PA | 7.0 | Nefferman | M | 7.7 | Hernandez | PA | 8.2 |
| 50 Yds. Dash | Murnane | PA | 5.9 | Rocker | M | 6.1 | Sykes | PA | 6.1 | Reece | M | 6.1 |
| 300 Yds. Dash | Sykes | PA | 36.6 | Kehlenbeck | PA | 36.7 | Askew | M | 37.3 | Lambe | M | 36.6 |
| 600 Yds. Run | Archung | M | 1:21.6 | Arensberg | PA | 1:22.7 | Shen | M | 1:23.4 | O'Donoghue | PA | 1:23.8 |
| 1000 Yds. Run | O'Donoghue | PA | 2:38.4 | King | M | 2:40.3 | Bezensky | L | 2:45.4 | Hendley | PA | 2:48.9 |
| Mile Run | Durana | PA | 4:34.6 | Fuhrman | PA | 4:46.9 | Horner | M | 4:54.9 | Sullivan | PA | 5:02.1 |
| 2 Mile Run | Haley | M | 10:32 | Barkhuff | PA | 10:54 | Donohue | M | 11:03 | Meinelt | M | 11:09 |
| Shot Put | Glazier | M | 49' | Bass | PA | 41' 7" | McKinnon | PA | 40' | Felch | PA | 39' 9" |
| High Jump | Murnane | PA | 5' 10" | Hoover | M | 5' 8" | Feeny | PA | 5' 6" | Galan | PA | 5' 6" |
| Long Jump | Hoover | M | 19' 9" | Sykes | PA | 18' 11" | Ginn | PA | 18' 6" | Chiu | PA | 18' 2" |
| Pole Vault* | Ginn | PA | 9' 6" | Auld | PA | 8' 6" | Longley | PA | 7' 6" | | | |
| Mile Relay | | PA | 4:01.3 | | M | 4:23.3 | | | | | | |

* Exhibition

Final Score: Phillips Academy 66, Masconomet 50, Lynnfield 2

Boys Track Edges Out Fast Tewksbury Squad In Closest Meet of Season; Sweep of Two-Mile Key

by Tony Bitz
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 54 |
| Tewksbury | 41 |



Boys track continued its three-meet regional series Wednesday, hosting a fine team from Tewksbury. The meet was the closest one for the Blue so far, as the boys pulled out victory by a slim thirteen-point margin, 52-41. It was a competitive meet with many strong performances, dulled only by the competitiveness of Tewksbury. Phillips' boys perpetuated their undefeated streak and gained valuable experience against fast competition, which will pay off next week against Central Catholic as well as at the Wheaton Invitational. Also, last Sunday, four distance runners went to the GBTC Invitational Track Meet at Harvard to run seed times for a Distance Medley Relay (DMR) team and were quite successful then as well.

The Blue was quite successful in the field events Wednesday, taking two out of three first places. In the shot put, PA's Aaron deVos '01 took first with an impressive throw of 44' 10". Following in second was Derrik Bass '02 who threw a 42' 9". In the high jump, Charles Murnane '01 stole the show again, clearing a height of 5' 6". Kanyi Maqubela '03 took second with a height of 5' 4". Lastly, although the Blue didn't take first in the long jump, a new promising athlete, David Sheldon '04, emerged, earning third for Phillips with a jump of 17' 10.5".

In the running events, the boys got off quite well, starting with the mile. Ted Jutras '01 ran strong and dominated the race from the beginning, running a time of 4:41.7. In a battle for second place, Tony Bitz '02 was outkicked by a strong Tewksbury runner in the last lap and finished third for the Blue with a time of 4:54.5. In the dashes, Andover had difficulty competing against a deep Tewksbury sprint squad. In the 50-yard dash, Charles Murnane '01 ran strong

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for Phillips with a 5.9-second sprint, taking third, the first time he has not won the event this season. However, in the 50-yard hurdles Murnane perpetuated his streak of first places, running a 6.9 second dash. In the 300-yard dash, Captain Emerson Sykes '01 ran a gutsy race, sticking to the first place Tewksbury runner all the way to the finish. Sykes ran an admirable second, in a time of 35.97 seconds.

At this point in the meet, the two teams were in a dead tie, 27-27. However, the mid-distance and two-mile race proved to be the turn-around point for the Blue. In the 600 yard race, Austin Arensberg '01 and Wes Fuhrman '01 represented Phillips in the scoring positions. In the first heat, Arensberg followed the number one Tewksbury runner through the first three of four laps. In a gutsy last minute kick, Arensberg took first in the last lap, out running the Tewksbury runner by four tenths of a second (1:20.6). Also notable was Fuhrman's third place (1:22), which he ran by himself from the second heat. Another critical race was the two-mile, which the Blue swept. Starting in the lead and never looking back was Pablo Durana '02 who ran a blazing 9:48.5 ahead of Bitz (10:43.5) and Pat Barkhuff '01 (10:48.9).

Then in the 1000 yard run, in his second of three races, Fuhrman was Andover's sole breadwinner, taking second with a time of 2:35.6. Finally in the mile relay, the team of Geoff O'Donoghue '02, Alex Kehlenbeck '01, Durana, and Jutras ran away with the race taking first with almost twenty seconds to spare – a strong race capping off a strong competitive meet.

As mentioned, this past weekend Fuhrman, Jutras, Arensberg, and Durana went to Cambridge to compete at Harvard's indoor facilities in the Greater Boston Invitational. The trip was intended to get seed times for a Distance Medley Relay (DMR) for National's in March. The legs of a DMR are a 400m, 800m, 1200m, and 1600m. In accordance with these distances each runner ran a race that approximated his distance in the DMR. Arensberg ran a PR at Harvard with a time of 53.3 seconds. For the 800m, Durana ran a difficult crowded race quite admirably and finished eleventh overall (in the unseeded section) with a time of 1:59.9. Fuhrman and Jutras represented Phillips in the mile. Jutras knocked six seconds of his year's best, running a 4:29 and finishing fifth in the unseeded mile. Fuhrman ran a strong race as well, finishing sixteenth overall with a time of 4:38.7. For competition with college and post-college athletes, the boys held out well and thrived on it, running best or near-best times for the season. These times also should be adequate times for qualifying for National's.

This week was yet again another positive one for the Blue. In dual meet competition, they held out against arguably one of the best teams in the region. The meet particularly highlighted the strength of the distance team in stiff competition. This past week's competition should hopefully work for Andover as both a warning to other teams and as motivation for upcoming meets. The Blue are a strong team, but need to push past current abilities if they wish to make a mark in invitational meets and against Exeter.



A. Tucker/The Phillipian

Chuck Murnane '01 clears a hurdle en route to winning the event Wednesday over Tewksbury.

Jan 26

Boys Track Overcomes Sickness: Clutch Racers Eke Out Slim Victory

by Tony Bitz
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

**Andover
Lowell**

**50
45**



Coach Collins commented on Tuesday, "Tying is like kissing your sister and you don't want to know what losing is like."

Whether a coincidence or not, the boys put a hell of a show on Valentines Day, showing Lowell little love on the track. In a meet where many of the Blues' runners were sick or injured, PA had several strong consistent performances necessary to edge out Lowell 50-45.

PA athletes in the field events pulled their share quite well taking the majority of the points in the shot put, long jump, and high jump. Derrick Bass '02 and Josh Rodriguez '01 took second and third respectively with strong throws, while Chuck Murname '01 jumped 5'10" in the high jump and took a valuable first place for the Blue. Andover had its most impressive performance in the long jump, with under classmen Pete Chiu '03 and David Sheldon '04 stepping up for the injured Emerson Sykes' 01, taking first (18' 11.25") and second (18' 7") respectively.

The running events for the boys

proved equally strong even in the absence of Alex Kehlenbeck '01 and Emerson Sykes '01. Kicking things off in the mile, Pablo Durana '02, still fighting off a cold, took the race from the beginning taking first and ran only seven seconds off his personal record in the cage. Following Durana was Geoff O'Donoghue '02 who was outkicked in the last 50 yards and took a frustrating third (4:56) for PA.

Following the mile were the 50-yard hurdles and dash, two troublesome races for the Blue. In the hurdles, veteran hurdler Chuck Murname '01 yet again earned critical points for the Blue, taking second in an impressive 6.8 seconds. In the 50 yard dash, up and coming freshman O'Shea Galan '04 came through in the clutch for Andover with a second place winning time of 5.9 seconds

With PA only a mere point behind Lowell the last for running events proved to be the clincher. Critical per-

formances in the 600-yard run, two mile, 300 yard run, and 1000 offered the Andover enough points to make the relay trivial. In the 600, PA's Ted Jutras, recently coming off a cold, didn't show it as effortlessly fended off a strong Lowell runner in the last 50 yards, justly earning his first place time of 1:19.5. Taking the momentum from Jutras' strong performance, the boys in the two-mile, taking first, second, and third gave the Blue a 10-point cushion which would be all the insurance PA needed. Wes "Ironman" Fuhrman '01 and Pat Barkhuff '01 went out blazing leaving Lowell's number one in the dust. Slow and steady Tony Bitz '02 came up on the Lowell runner at the half mile mark and switched positions with Barkuff at the mile mark, following Fuhrman and taking second. Barkhuff after the very

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TRACK RALLIES BEHIND SENIORS IN RECENT WIN

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fast first mile managed to hold on strong for the second mile and beat the Lowell number one by thirty seconds.

In the 300 yard dash was where the Blue were crippled by Sykes's injury and Kehlenbeck's absence. In yet another clutch performance of the day, veteran 600 runner Austin Arensberg '01 ran a strong 300 yards and came up with an impressive second place time of 36.89 seconds. Having never run the race before and knowing about running it only on the day of the race, maybe the performance all the more clutch. Finally in 1000, the duo of Durana and Jutras put the nail in the coffin. Durana, coming back for his second race, again led the race from the start and held out in first. Jutras on the other hand, fought through the ranks of the Lowell runners and emerge in third at the end of an impressive double.

The relay team of Arensberg, Adam Kapor '04, Chimaobi Izeogu '03, and Richard Lam '03 ran an honor-roll mile relay and took second with a time of 4:04.7.

In the absence and sickness of strong senior athletes, the underclass as well as other seniors stepped it up and filled the gaps with amazing gutsy performances. With such a show of courage and strength in the face of bad circumstances, the Blue seem all the more prepared for their showdown with Exeter next Wednesday. And with the Griffins being the Blue's last opponent of the season, Collins' boys won't hesitate to leave it all on the Track.

Feb. 14

Feb. 16

Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts



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Andover sneaked past Lowell by a slim margin on Wednesday. Chuck Murnane '01 contributed to the win, finishing first in the high jump and second in the 50 yard dash.

Boys Bid for Perfection Foiled

by Tony Bitz

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

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| Exeter Boys | 56 |
| Andover Boys | 44 |



In the Blue's last official meet of the year, Andover track traveled to Exeter

Wednesday see exactly what the Big Red could put on the table. For the boys, it was just too much with Exeter dominating the field and shorter sprints. PA's boys didn't have enough and fell short, 56-44. For the girls, however, Exeter was no match, and the blue belles controlled the meet the whole way through. Winning by a large margin, they completed a perfect season and gave Coach Collins something to be especially proud of.

Boys Track

The sprints and most of the field events were the downfall for the boys on Wednesday. The shot put was an Exeter sweep, and Davie Sheldon '04, taking third, was the Blues soul point-scorer in the Long Jump. Charlie Murname '01 managed to muster up some more points for Andover in the high jump with a first place while Dave Auld '01 and Matt Longley '03, vaulting for first and third respectively, made the vault PA's strongest event. Even with the pole vault, the field events were frustrating for the Blue allotting 24 out of 36 points to Exeter.

The sprints ran a similar yet even more disappointing course, sealing merely four points in four events for the Blue. The 50-yard dash was a sweep for the Red, and Murname '01, earning third, was the only man for PA able to penetrate the top three in the 50-yard hurdles. Exeter dominated the 300-yard

dash as well, but Austin Arensberg '01 was able to work his way into the scoring positions with a third place finish. With a history of difficulty in the shorter distances, it was no surprise that the mile relay proved the same. The team of Arensberg, Alex Kehlenbeck '01, Geoff O'Donoghue '02, and Sheldon, never in the lead for very long, couldn't get on top and took second.

Long Distance was the only group to consistently place people in the top three. Taking first in the mile, Pablo Durana '02 raced a very technical race and blew out Exeter's Ros Tucker with three laps to go. O'Donoghue rounded out the top three. In the 600, the duo of Arensberg and Ted Jutras '01 earned the top two spots while Wes Fuhrman '01 and Tony Bitz '02 did the same in the two-mile. In the final and most spectacular distance race of the day, Jutras and Durana ran their hearts out. Jutras, passing Durana and PEA's Tucker, ran a gutsy last 300 yards and took first. Durana repeatedly confronted Tucker's elbow throughout the race and, discouraged, ran for third. When confronted by PA's Jon Stableford concerning his notorious "physical running", Tucker had only this intelligent thing to say: "It's [repeatedly elbowing runners throughout races] not nice, but it's what you [I] do." Even with Tucker's foul play the Blue's distance crew had an impressive showing and never gave the Red a top spot.

BOYS TRACK CLOSES AFTER INVITATIONAL

NEW PERSONAL BESTS

Select few advance to
Nationals a week
from Tuesday

by Tony Bitz
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Now you can
finally close the books
on the Andover Indoor

Track season.

Not wishing to end the season with Exeter last Wednesday, sixteen of Coach Collins's guys and gals went to Brunswick, Maine this past Saturday for the USATF Invitational at Bowdoin University.

For some it was a chance to get last minute seed times for the upcoming Nationals at the Armory in New York City in a week and a half; for others it was a chance to end the season on a high note, but all put forth admirable efforts and outstanding races.

Starting the day off on the right note for the Blue, Anne Riordan '03, dominating the competition, took first in the 55m hurdles by two full strides.

Of all the races though, the mile had the most impressive performances, with every runner setting a new personal best. In the girls' mile, having never run the race before, Betsy Burke '01 showed no signs of an amateur miler. She ran a strong, consistent race through all eight laps and took second overall (amongst college athletes) with a time of 5:23. The boys were no less impressive with three personal bests.

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Boys' Track Ends Nearly Undefeated Valiant Performances at Bowdoin

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Leading the pack for PA was Wes "Ironman" Fuhrman '01, who hung with the top pack the entire race and placed fourth with a blazing 4:27. Following were Imran Hendley '02 and Jon Lanterman '03, who although slow to start, caught up to the back pack and ran outstanding times of 5:02 and 5:01 respectively.

The two-mile also showed impressive results for Andover with each runner setting a PR. For the girls, Sam Weisz faced serious competition for the first time in at least four meets. She took the pressure well and gave the Choate runner strong pressure up to the final four hundred. All her effort wasn't in vain, for although she only took second, she ran a best of 11:52.

In the men's, it was a strong race for the Newman House boys. Tony Bitz '02, Par Barkhuff '01 and Dan Sullivan '02. In a race that at one point

had a chain of runners twelve long. Bitz and Barkhuff managed to break off and take third (10:26) and fourth (10:29) respectively. Sullivan, who was caught in a slow pack for the first mile, managed to manufacture a strong second mile and finished with a time of 10:37.

The 400m dash had impressive results for the girls but somewhat disappointing ones for the boys. Captain-elect Katie Dlesk '03 and Melissa Donais '02 represented the Blue and were at the front of the pack. Dlesk overpowered fierce competition from a Choate runner and opened up a sizable gap on the final straightaway to take first (1:01.4) while Donais followed close on their heels to take third with a time of 1:02.4.

In the mens' 400m, the duo of W. Austin Arensberg '01 and Geoff O'Donoghue had respectable performances of 54.4 and 55.7 respectively.

The 800m race, too, had mixed results. The girls ran strong races, but the boys', although dominating the top, ran much below expectation and national qualifying times. For the girls, Donais came back for her second race of the day, this time accompanied by Kristi Kaputo '03. In a race with little competition, the two still put forth great races with Donais running a time of 2:24 and Kaputo one of 2:33.

For the boys, it was a competitive race, but with serious pace problems. Captain-elect Pablo Durana '02, Ted Jutras '01, O'Donoghue, and Fuhrman all took the first lap too fast and consequently lagged on the middle two laps. Thus, times were impressive but nonetheless disappointing the athletes.

Durana and Jutras took first (2:01) and second (2:01.3) respectively with O'Donoghue (2:06) and Fuhrman (2:07) fighting in the following pack.

In the final race of the day, the 200m. Arensberg, Dlesk, and Riordan had strong performances after a long day. Dlesk and Riordan both took first in their heats (27.1 and 28.6 respectively), while Arensberg in his 200m debut ran an impressive first race of 24.8.

On a final note, for all of you who thought coaches could "talk the talk but not walk the walk", two track coaches proved you wrong. In the pole vault, Corbon Lang justified his coaching by taking first overall in the vault with a height of 11' 6".

Later in the day, Jon Stableford only again proved his ability to run really far really fast by running the two-mile in a time of 12:08. Sullivan, a veteran distance runner had this to say, "every distance runner at PA knows that if that race had three more miles, he [Stableford] would have beat the pants off us."

It was a good close to the season for many and an indicator of needed work for those going to Nationals a week from Tuesday. With so many personal bests and strong races, the coaches and athletes themselves had to be pleased with their performances.

Now five distance runners will begin their final stretch toward nationals, while the rest prepare for the upcoming Spring Season. And if Bowdoin was an indicator for the talent of next season, Collins has an impressive season ahead.

Veterans Carry Boys Track To 4-1-1 Record



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Looking to fill weaknesses, Chuck Murnane '01 contributed in the hurdles and sprints.

by Tony Bitz

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE



In what was almost déjà vu, Boys' Indoor Track had another impressive season with a record of 4-1-1 topped off by several strong showings at invitationals. In a season that spanned two vacations, Coach Collins' Boys' never lost focus through the season and only tied or lost to two remarkably strong Exeter and Central Catholic squads.

The Blue fared very well this season, especially considering the loss of some greatly talented athletes. Most notably, the distance squad lost Eli Lazarus '00, while the short distance team lost speed demon Julius Bradshaw '00, who was too fast for the sharp turns. John Busby '00 left a hole to be filled in the hurdles, as strong thrower Sterlind Burke '00 sadly departed PA as well.

Nonetheless, new and veteran talent on boys' team was in every category of events. In long distance, Coach Jon Stableford '63 could count on five men to do the dirty work of long distance. Austin Arensberg '01 and Geoff O'Donoghue '02 took care of the 600-yard dash while Ted Jutras '01, Wes Fuhrman '01, and Pablo Durana '02 were interchangeable between the 1000 yards, mile and two-mile races. For the 300m, Captain Emerson Sykes '01, Alex Kehlenbeck '01, and Dave Sheldon '04 were PA's top placers, while Arensberg or Durana would join the group for the 4x400m relay team. Sykes and Charlie Murnane '01 earned PA's points in the 50 yards dash, and Murnane would come back to be PA's number-one man in the 50-yard hurdles.

The Blue were also able to cover the jumps and shot put well. In the shot, the quartet of Aaron DeVos '01, Josh Rodriguez '01, Andrew McKinnon '01, and Derrick Bass '02 were PA's tops. Murnane and Eric Feeny '01 were the Blue's top high jumpers while Pete Chiu '03, Sykes, and Sheldon jumped the far-

thest after post-grad Laredo Ginn's tragic early season ankle injury. With Ginn also being out of the Pole Vault, veteran Dave Auld '01 and Matt Longley '03 filled in his shoes.

Starting the season off, Collins' boys hosted a tri-meet with locals, Lynnfield and Masconomet. It was a strong showing for Andover, winning 65-50(M)-2(L) and coming up with strong performances. Only allowing Lynnfield a third place finish in the 1000, the Blue were in control. Strong performances clinched a decisive victory for the Blue.

The tri-meet was a good stepping-stone to the next Saturday's prestigious Dartmouth Relays. Although the boys had no place taking performances, the meet was early in the season and gave the Blue a chance to gage themselves against the better teams of New England. Murnane hurdled impressively in the 55m hurdles, running a time of 8.45s while rising distance runner Durana ran an impressive early season mile of 4:29.6. That weekend, the boys weren't on top, but they were working their way up.

Returning to the Cage, the boys clobbered Chelmsford the following Wednesday 78-17. In a meet that was all Blue, the boys only allowed Chelmsford one first place and only three second place performances. Fuhrman (4:46.7) and Tony Bitz '02 (4:54) took first and second in the mile while Bass, Mike Horvath '01, and Andrew McKinnon swept the shot. Murnane ran and jumped a hat trick, taking first in the fifty dash, hurdles, and the high jump. Durana and Arensberg took the top two spots in the 600, and then Fuhrman came back in the two-mile to take first again (10:21). Jutras, O'Donoghue, and Will Chan '01 swept the 1000, while the relay team left Chelmsford in their dust.

Riding off their trouncing of Chelmsford, the boys then beat Tewksbury High School in a close meet, 54-41. Again it was PA's combination of stars and depth that prevailed. DeVos took a valuable first in the shot, while Jutras comfortably took first in the mile. Murnane again took multiple firsts this time in the High Jump and the 50 hurdles. Arensberg took first for the Blue in the 600, but the race of the day was Durana's amazing performance in the two-mile (9:47), nearly a full minute a head of the second place Bitz and Pat Barkhuff '01. Closing the meet the relay team continued its home track winning streak, while in exhibition competition, Freddie Martignetti '02, Matt Longley '03, and Sam Struzzi '02 swept the vault. It was a closer me, but that made the victory all the sweeter.

The next meet was too close.

Against a strong Central Catholic High School Squad, Collins' boys tied 52-52. Central just had performances to match PA's impressive races. With the Blue only sweeping the 1000 yards, PA was up against a strong team. Nonetheless, a double win performances for Durana in the 600 (new 11th grade record 1:17) and 1000 as well as Fuhrman's first in two-mile gave crucial points to the Blue. Freshman O'Shea Galan tore up the 50-yard dash, taking first and the freshman record with a time of 5.8s. To end the track events, the Blue suffered a tough loss in an exciting mile relay losing to Central by three tenths of a second. Chiu and Feeny compensated in the jumps and took first in the long

and high jumps respectively. PA humbly left the meet with only the skin on their back, eager to prove to themselves that this would not happen again.

Taking a break from duel meet competition the boys then went to Wheaton College for their annual invitational and took second to Exeter in the secondary school division. First place performances by Bitz in the 3000m and Durana in the 1500 and 800 along strong races in the hurdles and 400 were just not strong enough to overpower the strong field and short distance performances of Exeter. However, learning from the meet, the boys were able to get an idea for what Exeter would be like in duel meet competition two and a half weeks later.

Next, Andover hosted top Merrimack Valley school Lowell High School and came out on top in a nail biter, 50-45. Durana again took a double win in the mile and 1000 while Fuhrman took first in the deuce. Chiu took first in the long jump while Jutras and Murnane took first in the 600 and 50 hurdles respectively. Lowell made there impact in the second and third places but athletes like Bass, Rodriguez, Galan, Arensberg, Bitz, and Barkhuff also countered Lowell's push in the back places. It was a close meet, but PA never broke a sweat.

Now with no indoor interscholastic championships, the next best thing was

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Distance Runners Compete At Bowdoin, Armory

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Andover-Exeter, but with Exeter's strong throws and short distance, PA was just no match and took a tough loss 43-61. With Exeter's nearly complete sweep of the field and short-distance the Blue could not hope to fight back. Only the distance team was really able to contain the Red. Durana took first in the mile over Exeter's Ross Tucker '01, Fuhrman and Bitz took one, two in the deuce, while Arensberg and Jutras did the same in the 600. Jutras and Durana then came back in the 1000 to take one and three. Non distance winners were Murname and Auld in the high jump and pole vault respectively. For the end of the season it was humbling, but against a team as strong Exeter, the Blue should be proud and prepared for the rematch in the spring.

Although the regular season was

over, the distance runners made to final stops at Bowdoin and for five the Armory in New York City for the National Championships. At Bowdoin the boys raced well, with strong performances from all runners. However, the real sight was at the Armory were the team of Durana, Fuhrman, O'Donoghue, and Arensberg entered in the Distance Medley Relay (DMR) and took fourth overall. In what was an exciting race the Blue lost a lead gained by Fuhrman on a tragic stumble in the 1000 leg. Arensberg and O'Donoghue held their spots, while Durana in the final mile leg took three places to put the boys in fourth with a time 10:27. A nationally ranked relay team was definitely a high mark with which to end the season.

With the loss of several seniors across the board, the underclassmen have a lot of work cut out for them. With

the loss of Fuhrman, and Jutras in dis-tance the Blue look to Bitz, Durana, O'Donoghue, and junior Adam Kapor to step it up. The Blue also look to Benaldo Hernadez '02, Galan, and Kanyi Maqubella '03 to fill Murname's shoes in the hurdles, dash, and high jump respectively. Chiu and Bass need to continue their success in the long jump and shot put, and the Blue will be just fine.

In a season almost identical in suc-cess to last year's 2000 team, Boys' track had an outstanding season, only losing to strong rival Exeter. The boys put out maximum effort from the first meet until the last, and came out with a nearly perfect season and a nationally ranked relay team. With Pablo Durana as the team's captain next season, hope-fully his talent and success can spill over the rest of the team for the upcoming year.

SPORT: Track - girls

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Julia O'Hern

MANAGERS:

COACH: Dick Collins

ASSISTANT COACH: John Strudwick

SEASON RECORD

WON 7 **LOST** 0 **TIED** 0

Letter Winners

Blaeser, Carolyn C.

Burke, Elizabeth E.

Chu, Katherine Y.

Dlesk, Katherine H.

Donais, Melissa A.

Hartsock, Sydney H.

Herrick, Heidi M.

Jay, Hilary D.

Liebermann, Nyssa K.

Locks, Lindsey M.

MacDonald, Chelsea M.

Marshall, Eleanor L.

McGirt, Erin E.

Miller Laura A.

O'Hern, Julia E. ©

Riordan, Anne S.

Rowe, Kerri-Ann Y.

Weisz, Samantha F.

Wheadon, Kristin L.

Girls Track – Varsity

2000 – 2001

| Name | Class | Hometown |
|-----------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Blaeser, Carolyn C. | 2003 | North Andover, MA |
| Burke, Elizabeth E. | 2002 | Austin, TX |
| Chu, Katherine Y. | 2003 | Beaumont, TX |
| Dlesk, Katherine H. | 2003 | Andover, MA |
| Donais, Melissa A. | 2002 | Bradford, MA |
| Hartsock, Sydney H. | 2001 | Snohomish, WA |
| Herrick, Heidi M. | 2001 | Falmouth, ME |
| Jay, Hilary D. | 2002 | Hinsdale, IL |
| Liebermann, Nyssa K. | 2003 | Magnolia, MA |
| Locks, Lindsey M. | 2002 | Philadelphia, PA |
| MacDonald, Chelsea M. | 2002 | Antigonish, Canada |
| Marshall, Eleanor L. | 2002 | Nashville, TN |
| McGirt, Erin E. | 2002 | Cornelius, NC |
| Miller Laura A. | 2002 | Glastonbury, CT |
| O'Hern, Julia E. © | 2001 | Johnston, IA |
| Riordan, Anne S. | 2003 | Prides Crossing, MA |
| Rowe, Kerri-Ann Y. | 2002 | Bronx, NY |
| Weisz, Samantha F. | 2003 | Crystal Lake, IL |
| Wheadon, Kristin L. | 2002 | Pittsburgh, PA |

Captain O'Hern Leads Girls Track to First Wins

by Alex Kehlenbeck
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 70 |
| Masconomet | 26 |
| Lynnfield | 22 |



For the team, it was the start of a season. For the program, it was nothing more than the continuation of a tradition.

In the small picture, it was two big wins. In the big picture, it was same 'ole, same 'ole.

Captain Julia O'Hern '01 led the girls' indoor track team to two victory in its first meet of the season Wednesday, over Lynnfield and Masconomet, throwing her shot put 39' 8" to break her own indoor record

of 37' 10" and her own school record of 38' 0.5", both set last year. Since arriving at PA three years ago, O'Hern has broken not less than nine class and school shot put records, and her domination of the local leagues can only be described as "unfair."

After Wednesday, it's safe to say things will only get worse.

Almost from the start, it was clear neither Masconomet or Lynnfield stood much of a chance. Andover's raw talent runs far too deeply for any but the best of teams to score many points. The girls took first place in nine of eleven events, not including the pole vault, which is run as an exhibition only for most of the winter season.

Highlights included wins by Chelsea MacDonald '02 in the 50 yd. dash by nearly half a second over her

closest competitor and in the long jump by more than three feet; MacDonald also ran a leg of the winning 4x400 meter relay squad. Melissa Donais '02, smoothly making the transition from the woods and paths of her Interscholastic championship cross country season last fall to the tight turns of the indoor track, blew her competition away in both the 600 yd. run and the 1000 yd. run, races she has owned virtually unchanged the past two years. Lower Katie Dlesk, pulling a rare quadruple in just her second season of indoor racing, won the 300 yd. dash in addition to claiming second in the 50 yd. dash and the high jump, and running a leg in the relay.

Returning to the track this year with last spring's Interscholastic trophy in hand, hopes are high for the

girls' team, as they always are, considering the success they have enjoyed over the past decade. Coach Dick Collins '49, in his second year and third season of leading the track program after wrapping up a nearly forty-year career at Andover High that brought him, among other laurels, a National Track Coach of the Year award, is full of optimism that this season will be one to remember.

Saturday, the top girls will make the trip to Dartmouth to race in the intense Dartmouth Relays, perhaps the most prestigious indoor meet in the northeast. The competition will be vicious – most serious runners and jumpers at regional meets have been training hard for many months – but the girls hope to make a showing. Watch for Donais, MacDonald, and O'Hern to place well.

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Phillips Academy Girls vs. Lynnfield vs. Masconomet

1st Place = 5 pts. 2nd Place = 3 pts. 3rd Place = 2 pts. 4th Place = 1 pt.

| Event | Competitor | T | Time | Competitor | T | Time | Competitor | T | Time | Competitor | T | Time |
|-----------------|------------|----|--------|-------------|----|--------|--------------|------|--------|------------|----|---------|
| 50 Yds. Hurdles | Herrick | PA | 7.9 | Riordan | PA | 8.1 | Cerino | M | 8.5 | Li | L | 8.6 |
| 50 Yds. Dash | MacDonald | PA | 6.3 | Dlesk | PA | 6.7 | Anderson | L | 7.0 | Dale | M | 7.1 |
| 300 Yds. Dash | Dlesk | PA | 40.7 | Riordan | PA | 43.0 | Lieber./Mich | PA/M | | | | |
| 600 Yds. Run | Donais | PA | 1:32.8 | Conn./Benn. | M | 1:40.7 | | | | Funsten | PA | 1:43.4 |
| 1000 Yds. Run | Donais | PA | 2:50.7 | Valkevich | L | 3:06.8 | Plunket | M | 3:07.7 | Currie | PA | 3:14.1 |
| Mile Run | Plunket | M | 5:50.5 | Linenan | M | 6:06.3 | Blaeser | PA | 6:12.8 | Jay | PA | 6:18.8 |
| 2 Mile Run | Weisz | PA | 12:16 | Kelley | L | 12:41 | Watson | PA | 12:43 | Perry | M | 13:03 |
| Shot Put | O'Hern | PA | 39' 8" | Canale | L | 32" 1' | Francucci | L | 28' 1" | Hartsock | PA | 27' 1" |
| High Jump | Vail | L | 4' 10" | Dlesk | PA | 4' 8" | Hart./Morbes | PA | 4' 6" | | | |
| Long Jump | MacDonald | PA | 17' 4" | Valkevich | L | 14' 2" | Wheadon | PA | 14' 1" | Ramos | M | 13' 11" |
| Pole Vault* | Miller | PA | 7' 6" | | | | | | | | | |
| Mile Relay | | PA | 4:38.0 | | | | | | | | | |

* Exhibition

Final Score: Phillips Academy 70, Masconomet 26, Lynnfield 22

Three Sweeps and O'Hern's 41 Feet More Than Tewksbury Can Handle

Jan. 26

by Alex Kehlenbeck
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover
Tewksbury

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19



GIRLS TRACK

Three swept events.
Ten of eleven first
place finishes. A win-
ning relay squad. A

school record.

By any rubric, the girls' track team handed out a severe beating to Tewksbury last Wednesday, winning a runaway victory 75-19 and bettering its record to an undefeated 4-0. The meet was sweet revenge for the girls, as Tewksbury was the only team to beat the Blue in either the indoor or the outdoor season last year.

The girls dropped the first event, the mile run, to a tenacious Tewksbury runner who wouldn't fade despite repeated surges thrown by Jess Watson '01 and Carolyn Blaeser '03 who placed second and third in 5:52.6 and 6:01.1, respectively. It was the only time the girls would trail a race or the score.

Heidi Herrick '01 and Ann Riordan '03 went 1-3 in the 50-yard hurdles in a tight race whose top three finishers were separated by just one-tenth of a second. Herrick came right back in the dash, with Chelsea MacDonald '02, who won in 6.3, to finish second.

Melissa Donais '02 saw a brief challenge in the 600-yard run from both the top Tewksbury runner and from Betsy Burke '02, but pulled away in the end to win in 1:31.4, as Burke tucked into third

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NO TESTS IN SIGHT FOR GIRLS TRACK, HOLDING STREAK

UNDEFEATED 4-0 ON SEASON

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place in 1:35 flat.

The two mile run was a one-on-one affair, but Samantha Weiss '03 was up to the challenge and trounced the sole Tewksbury runner by a comfortable 14 seconds. The 300-yard dash was an all-Blue event, as Katie Dlesk '03, MacDonald, and Herrick swept in 39.6, 40.2, and 41.5, respectively.

The 1000-yard run and the relay were mere formalities by this time, but PA made a point of winning both. Burke took the thousand in 2:59.2, while the squad of Blaeser, Hillary Jay '02, Ellie Marshall '02, and Burke lapped the slow Tewksbury team, finishing in 4:41.7.

Meanwhile, the field events had been progressing in a similar fashion. Dlesk, Sydney Hartsock '01, and Kristin Wheadon '02 swept the high jump, matched by MacDonald, Hartsock, and Lindsey Locks '02 in the long jump.

The shot put, however, was the crown jewel of the day. Captain Julia O'Hern set yet another school record, breaking 40 feet in a preliminary round, a feat she had only done once before, at the Dartmouth Relays. Her final throw, however, dwarfed even this, sailing 41 feet, six inches, and launched the shot-putters into raucous cheering. For reference, Hartsock, who finished second, threw 28 feet.

The girls face off next Wednesday against Central Catholic, one of the premier track powers in eastern Massachusetts.



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Girls' track captain Julia O'Hern '01 threw over 41 feet in the shot put against Tewksbury, breaking her own indoor and school records.

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Girls Track Sustains Perfect Record, Anticipates Exeter on Wednesday

by Tony Bitz
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

**Andover
Lowell**

**76
19**



In what is becoming an all to mundane occurrence, the girls track team chalked up another mark in the win's column, trouncing Lowell 76-19 and improving their record to 6-0. By taking first in every single event, the girl's assured their fans that no team would have even a remote chance to blemish their impeccable record. From start to finish the girl's were amazing.

Starting the meet off on the right foot, the Andover dominated the field events. In the shot, Julia O'Hern '01 continued her inhuman streak of first places with a throw of a 38' 5". The duo of Sydney Hartsock '01 and Kristin Wheadon '02 controlled the High Jump and Long jump. In the High Jump, Hartsock took first with a

height of 4' 10" while Wheadon took second with the same height. Similarly in the Long Jump, Hartsock took first with a 15' 3.25" followed by Wheadon with a distance of 14' 1".

The running events were the same story. In the mile, Melissa Donais '02 effortlessly perpetuated her streak of victories in distance races. Despite solitude in front of the pack, Donais managed to run a very respectable time of 5:18. On an unfortunate note, because of some confusion in laps, Andover's Hillary Jay '02 and Reed Curry '01 were DQed for running to few laps, and this allowed Lowell to take second and third. Unfazed, Andover continued to roll through the meet. In the 50-yard races, the girls only gave two points to Lowell. In the hurdles, Ann Riordan '03 and Katherine Regner '03 took first and second respectively while Chelsea MacDonald '02 and Katie Dlesk '02 took first and second in the dash.

In the 600, PA continued the streak of first and second place finishes with

Kristi Caputo '03 taking first (1:41.5) followed by Trudy Cloyd '03 (1:42.6). Samantha Weisz '03 was again PA's sole two-miler, but as usual ran an impressive race with a first place time of 12:21.5 and a 40-second cushion.

Finally ending the meet on a particularly strong note, the girls swept the 300 and 1000-yard races along with taking the mile relay. Katie Dlesk '03, Ann Riordan and Nyssa Liebermann '03 took first, second, and third respectively in the 300, while Betsy Burke '02, Caputo, and Cloyd took the top spots in the 1000. In the relay, the team of Eleanor Marshall '02, Riordan, Dlesk, and Donais won with a solid time of 4:31.2.

They just keep on winning. With only one meet to go, it will be no surprise if Exeter's girls can't match the depth of PA's. Plus with the incentive of an unblemished record, the girl's will leave nothing to chance next Wednesday.

Phillips Academy Girls vs. Lowell

1st Place = 5 pts.

2nd Place = 3 pts.

3rd Place = 1 pt.

| Event | Competitor | T | Time | Competitor | T | Time | Competitor | T | Time |
|-----------------|------------|----|--------|------------|----|--------|------------|----|--------|
| 50 Yds. Hurdles | Riordan | PA | 7.6 | Nolet | L | 7.7 | Regner | PA | 8.2 |
| 50 Yds. Dash | MacDonald | PA | 6.5 | Dlesk | PA | 6.6 | Beausoleil | L | 6.7 |
| 300 Yds. Dash | Dlesk | PA | 39.64 | Riordan | PA | 41.81 | Liebermann | PA | 42.09 |
| 600 Yds. Run | Caputo | PA | 1:41.5 | Cloyd | PA | 1:42.6 | Lourero | L | 1:42.8 |
| 1000 Yds. Run | Burke | PA | 2:53.9 | Caputo | PA | 3:07.9 | Cloyd | PA | 3:08.4 |
| Mile Run | Donais | PA | 5:19.5 | Gallagher | L | 6:29 | Mendez | L | 6:41.3 |
| 2 Mile Run | Weisz | PA | 12:21 | Karne | L | 13:09 | Choy | L | 14:39 |
| Shot Put | O'Hern | L | 38' 5" | Potter | L | 31' 5" | Herbert | L | 29' 5" |
| High Jump | Hartsock | PA | 4' 10" | Wheadon | PA | 4' 10" | Thurston | L | 4' 8" |
| Long Jump | Hartsock | PA | 15' 3" | Wheadon | PA | 15' 1" | Davis | L | 15' 1" |
| Pole Vault | Lewis | PA | 6' 6" | Carden | PA | 6' 0" | Jamali | PA | 6' 0" |
| Mile Relay | | PA | 4:31.2 | | L | 4:47.3 | | | |

Final Score: Phillips Academy 76, Lowell 19



Katie Dlesk '03

"Katie is such a huge asset to the team, because she works so hard and always pulls through." —Hillary Jay '02

by Dan Shvartsman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

In recent years, Phillips Academy has produced an impressive number of stars on the track, and this year's girls' team is certainly no exception. One of the young and up-and-coming team members who is already producing runners is our Athlete of the Week, Katie Dlesk '03. Dlesk, considered a "powerhouse" by many of her teammates, competes in four events and excels in the 300 yd. dash. This year has been a phenomenal one for Dlesk so far, and with Exeter looming she will hopefully maintain the level of excellence that she has thus far demonstrated.

Track & Field encompasses over 15 events, and Katie competes in four, covering both sides of the sport; the 300, the 50 yd. Dash, the high jump, and the 4x400 yd. relay. Not surprisingly, however, Dlesk is particularly proficient in two of these areas. "My best event is definitely the 300. It combines both sprinting and a little bit of strategy, which is also why I like it. It's longer than the 50, so there is some thinking involved; you have to pace yourself somewhat. The 50 gets over far too quickly, and the 400 in the relay is just too long, so it's not really sprinting anymore, which is my strength physically." Dlesk, however, does see events she has yet to attempt but will in the near future. "Maybe the grass is just greener, but I'd like to try shot put. The biggest reason is probably just seeing Julia O'Hern '01, because it's just beautiful to watch her throw."

Like any athlete, however, Dlesk is not without her weak areas. "The 50 isn't my best because it's all about the start, and I'm just not a great starter. I mean, I'm okay at it, and it's fun, but it's not really the event I concentrate on, just something I do because I'm good at it. And most of my problems in the high jump involve consistency; I just don't go out and get the same results meet to meet. Even (Wednesday), both Sydney Hartsock '01 and Kristen Wheadon '02 beat me, so I still have work to do, but we have many good high jumpers on this team who can all beat each other."

Katie, involved with track since sixth grade, stresses that the sport is definitely not the most important thing on her schedule. "I've made many friends through track, and met many cool people, but it's a fun thing for me to do, it's not all that important. It's my favorite thing to do here at school, but it's not everything," she added. What she does during the off-season reflects this. "Even this fall all I did was play field hockey, just for fun. In the spring I run outdoor track, but it's still not the focus. Most of my training programs come from my coaches here at PA, who are really good at coordinating these plans for people who compete in multiple events."

Katie is only a lower, but she still has some memories from the team last year and says she has vastly improved. "I haven't improved in the high jump that much, but my 300 has improved

by about a half second, so that's a great jump. My goal is to reach the record by my senior year, which right now is a little bit less than 2 seconds faster than me. It's kind of a stretch, but right now it's my goal." Katie's greatest achievement came in the 300 and the high jump 2 weeks ago, and she hopes to end the season with victory. "I want to finish strong against Exeter, and to put up some better times. They also have a really good high jumper, so it'd be very nice if I could beat her," she explained. "This team is just so awesome overall, and when we get to the spring and Interschols, we'll be great for it—I'm really looking forward to it." With formidable athletes such as herself, others are no doubt anticipating the team's future strength and ultimately, their success.

Girls Triumph Over Exeter;

by Tony Bitz

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

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| Andover Girls | 107 |
| Exeter Girls | 79 |
| Exeter Boys | 56 |
| Andover Boys | 44 |



In the Blue's last official meet of the year, Andover track traveled to Exeter Wednesday see exactly what the Big Red could put on the table. For the boys, it was just too much with Exeter dominating the field and shorter sprints. PA's boys didn't have enough and fell short, 56-44. For the girls, however, Exeter was no match, and the blue belles controlled the meet the whole way through. Winning by a large margin, they completed a perfect season and gave Coach Collins something to be especially proud of.

Girls Track

Only one word comes to mind for the Girls meet: domination. From distance to field events to sprints the girls were almost untouchable.

In the sprints and hurdles, Exeter stole only four points. In the 50-yard dash, Chelsea MacDonald powered to first place followed by Katie Dlesk in third. The duo of Anne Riordan '03 and Heidi Herrick '02 took first and second in the 50 hurdles while Dlesk, Riordan, and Nyssa Liebermann '03 swept the 300-yard dash in that respective order. The girls continued their short distance domination by winning the mile relay with plenty of time to spare.

The long distance girls worked off the same momentum and took first in every race except the mile. In a competition where the lead was constantly

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Girls Track Beats Exeter

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changing for the first half-mile, the Blue's Carolyn Blaeser '03 and Reed Curry '01 ran tough races in the mile and gave Exeter a run for its money well into the second 800 meters. In the end though, Blaeser finished second followed by Curry in third. In the 600, the tandem of Melissa Donais '02 and Betsy Burke '02, never looking back, blew out the competition and finished in first and second respectively, with time to spare.

In what is becoming an all to common event, Sam Weisz '03 was the sole Andover runner in the two-mile and ran yet again a first-place winning time of 12:20. Finally in the 1000, the duo of Donais and Burke came out for an encore that no one could complain about. In a race similar to the 600, the two broke off the pack at the beginning and kept their distance, with Donais in first and Burke in second.

The girls on the field couldn't let the runners have all the glory, and put on a great show too. In the shot, Julia

O'Hern ended the season with an undefeated record in the shot. In the second sweep of the meet for the girls, the trio of MacDonald, Sidney Hartsock '01, and Kristin Wheadon '02 finished first, second, and third respectively. Laura Miller '02 won the pole vault for the girls and PA's Wheadon put on an impressive showing in the high jump.

Wednesday brought two different ends to two very similar seasons. The girls' victory against PEA brought very positive closure to the season. The boys were another story. Fighting to maintain an undefeated record as well, the boys left it all in the cage, but it just wasn't enough to match the Red's impressive throwers, jumpers, and sprinters. Nonetheless, two teams with a combined loss column of one says that PA track is a foe to be reckoned with.

With the regular season now over, a few athletes will head to Bowdoin this weekend for a USATF meet to round out the season, as well as for some to obtain seed times for Nationals in two weeks.



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Kristin Wheadon '02, who had a strong performance in last week's match against Lowell, soars over the bar.

Feb. 23

Julia O'Hern - Girls Track

by Evan Panich
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Often, when one hears about indoor or outdoor track stars, one automatically thinks of runners such as Melissa Donais, trying to break the 5-minute mile mark, or Katie Dlesk, dominating a 300-yard sprinting event. However, there is a different side to the track scene, a non-running side, that is sometimes forgotten by those who are not on the team.

These athletes, occasionally less hailed by the general public than the runners, are the throwers, who, in the winter, are composed mainly of shot putters and pole-vaulters. Although these events may get less attention from some of the news media, one of their practitioners has been a stand out, both in shattering records and in applying her leadership skills to her position as captain. For these reasons, Julia O'Hern '01 has been chosen this winter's Athlete of the Term.

O'Hern grew up in Johnston, a town just outside of Des Moines, Iowa, with a younger brother, age 11, and a sister Erin '03. "It's pretty small...you've probably never heard of it," joked O'Hern.

Still, it was big enough to have a junior high school track team, and that's where O'Hern got her start. She originally went out for track without any lofty goals or aspirations toward the incredible accomplishments she would later achieve at Andover. "I went out for track because all my friends did it," O'Hern remembers.

In fact, at the start of her junior high school track career, O'Hern was not even a thrower. She recounts her first day of practice, when it seemed that the long jump was the popular thing to do. "Everyone wanted to do the long jump," recalls O'Hern, "but since everyone wanted to do it, the lines [waiting to practice] were too long, and I was too lazy to wait in those lines, so I went to the shot put where there were no lines." Thus began her athletic career in the shot put.

Perhaps it was luck, perhaps it was destiny, but one thing was clear: if Julia was to become a good thrower, it was not going to happen in junior high. O'Hern's junior high school did not have the proper facilities for shot put. Julia describes the situation as "boot-leg." The team practiced in the parking lot, and the school did not have a coach, so O'Hern's father, a former competitor in the hammer throw himself, was drafted to coach his daughter.

It is no coincidence that Julia wound up at Andover. Her father is a graduate, and when the opportunity presented itself for O'Hern to apply,



she jumped at the idea.

O'Hern comments that, at the beginning of her junior year, she missed the athletic orientation meeting and was, therefore, oblivious to all the athletic choices Andover offers. When the winter season rolled around, she joined the Indoor Track team, not knowing what else to do.

Since that time, in the three and one-half years that O'Hern has participated in PA's indoor and outdoor track programs, she has broken the school record in the shot put indoors, as well as in the discus and shot put outdoors. Yet, she has always managed to maintain what her teammates call a "quiet confidence." Emerson Sykes '01 explains, "Every practice, after we had a meet, our coach would tell us that she had broken the school [shot put] record again. She did several times during the season, but she never told us. We would only find out from the coach the next day."

It is clear that O'Hern's modest, hardworking attitude earned the respect of the team. Incoming captain Pablo Durana '02 relates, "She was always the last one out of the gym, and anyone could tell, she's really worked to hard to get to the level that she's at - it's really something that everyone has to admire."

O'Hern's teammates are probably her favorite part of competing on the track team. She describes the other throwers as funny people, with whom she enjoys spending time. "We challenge each other, we make fun of each other, and we are excited for each other when one of us throws well. It's really a good time."

Her teammates may describe her

as quietly confident, but O'Hern would not necessarily agree with the quiet part. According to O'Hern, throwers are generally loud, charismatic people who like to have a lot of fun.

Fortunately, this attribute is well received by the track team, as O'Hern feels it is her duty as captain to cheer her teammates on, especially "the guys who have to run really far." She continues, "The shot was my only one event and I spent the rest of the time being supportive of my teammates."

In addition to her father, who was her first coach and who provided much of her inspiration to be a thrower, Coach Lou Bernieri has had a great impact on Julia. Julia comments, "Lou is one of the best coaches around in the league. He threw [the shot put] himself and he's very familiar with proper technique for throwing well. He's also very supportive of me and my teammates."

The feelings between Coach Bernieri and O'Hern are definitely mutual, and there is a strong respect between the two. "She is the greatest thrower, male or female, we've ever had at the school...she's the best I've seen in my 25 years in the league, never mind here," said Bernieri. He went on to describe Julia as a great athlete, captain and an all around good person who has lead the team to one of its best seasons ever.

A senior, O'Hern will be attending Cornell University next fall as an athletic recruit. She hopes to meet the same kind of people, both teammates and coaches, that she has dealt with on the team in her four years at PA. It is certain that Julia O'Hern will capture her teammates' respect and admiration at Cornell as she has here at Andover.

GIRLS TRACK TEAM ENDS WINTER WITH PERFECT RECORD

DLESK '03 SETS RECORD

Big Blue Cruises To Victory Over Exeter; Finish At 7-0

by Alex Kehlenbeck

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS EDITOR EMERITUS



There is a moment in every brilliant season when all the pieces fall into place together, and when every run and jump and throw flows seamlessly into the next, when the relay squad clicks and the baton doesn't realize it's changed hands, and when you just *know* there isn't a team within two hundred miles that can survive the onslaught.

For the Girls Indoor Track team of 2001, that moment came very early. It came before Exeter; it came before any invitational; it came before the first meet of the season; it came even before the first time trial.

It came at the first practice, when the team sat down for it's first set of stretches. Looking around the circle, one had no doubt about what the squad would accomplish. O'Hern. Donais. MacDonald. Dlesk. Burke. Riordan. Hartsock. Watson. Blaeser. Weisz. Herrick. A historic season was clearly in store.

The Blue finished with an undefeated 7-0 season in which they outscored their opponents by a combined total of 443-158. Central Catholic gave the girls their most bone-chilling scare in mid-season. Final score: Andover 67, Central 28. From



J. LeSaffre/The Phillipian

Betsy Burke '02 was a strong new addition to the 2001 Girls Track team.

the start, it was barely a contest.

Captain Julia O'Hern '01 began the year in traditional fashion, leading her team to victory in the tri-meet against Masconomet and Lynnfield that kicked off the season. She broke her own indoor shot put record by 22 inches and her own school record by more than 19 inches. The performance was only an indication of greater things to come, as O'Hern would later go on to re-break that record in nearly every subsequent competition. Other highlights included a rare early season quadruple by captain-elect Katie Dlesk '03, who won the 300-yard dash, took second in the 50-yard dash and the

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TRACK PUTS FINAL TOUCHES ON PEA; CONVINCING WIN

DOMINATE LOCAL COMPETITION

Captain O'Hern Breaks PA Shot-Put Record By 19 Inches

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high jump, and ran a leg of the winning mile relay squad. Final: Andover 70, Masconomet 26, Lynnfield 22.

Against Chelmsford – the only team to beat the girls the previous indoor season – PA again showed no mercy, winning all eight running events en route to an 80-15 thrashing. O'Hern, Dlesk, and Donais again all won, joined by Jess Watson '01 in the mile, Betsy Burke '02 in the 600- and 1000-yard runs, and Anne Riordan '02 in the 50-yard hurdles. The following week the Blue faced off against the only team which had beaten them the previous outdoor season: Tewksbury. The only thing which differentiated this meet was the relative score spread: PA 75, Tewksbury 19. (The number of points in this meet differs from others because of ties in the high jump.) Three swept events, ten of eleven first place finishes, and a winning relay squad that lapped the slow Tewksbury team accented the victory. Wins were recorded by Heidi Herrick '02, MacDonald, Donais, Samantha Weisz '03, Dlesk, and Burke. The crown jewel of the day, however, came in the shot put, where O'Hern broke 40 feet in a preliminary round for the first time at home. (She had once broken it at the Dartmouth Relays.) The raucous shot-putting squad, thinking the fireworks had come, burst into boisterous cheering. O'Hern responded in kind, throwing 41 feet, six inches in the finals to bring down both the house and her school record. For reference, Syndey Hartsock '01, who finished second, threw 28 feet.

Mid-season training began taking its toll on the girls, and their performances began suffering slightly. Against Central Catholic, the squad won in mediocre but acceptable fashion, scoring just 67 points to Central's 28, which would end up being the closest final of the season. Dlesk was the only repeat winner, taking the 300-yard dash and the high jump.

The Wheaton Invitational later that week gave the girls a chance to ease off slightly and get away from the tight turns of PA's 150-yard indoor track. Though team scores at invitationals are not usually kept, Andover would have beaten its prep-school competition – namely Exeter – had the meet been scored. MacDonald ran a 7.54 in the 55-meter dash, which converts nearly exactly to Tanya Thomas' '96 indoor 50-yard record. Dlesk also had a superb performance, running, and winning, the college 300-meter dash. "She's in high school?!?" the astounded second-place finished was heard to say incredulously after the race. She sure is. And only a lower, to boot.

Lowell fell in expected fashion the following week, 76-19. Sweeps of the 300- and 1000-yard races capped off an otherwise unspectacular win. Hartsock and Kristin Wheadon '02 took 1-2 in both the high and long jumps.

Exeter – the only other prep school with a competitive indoor track team – has in the past often arranged to spoil otherwise perfect seasons. Not this year. Exeter was able to win only the mile and the high jump, leaving them with far too few points to touch PA performances. Final score: 75-29.

At 7-0, the girls' final record promised great things for the spring season. With the addition of captain Alex Zuckerman '01, the squad grows only stronger. In many ways, then, the 2001 indoor season amounted to far more than utter domination of local high schools – it amounted to preseason training.

SPORT: Wrestling

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Dan Shvartsman

MANAGERS: Liesl Beecher-Flad

COACH: Rich Gorham

ASSISTANT COACH: Mark Efinger

SEASON RECORD

WON 8 **LOST** 9 **TIED** 0

Letter Winners

Alovisetti, Charles S.
Beecher-Flad, Liesl K. mgr
Boileau, Harry S.
Boychenko, Leanna L.
Brodie, Frank L.
Deshpande, Pawan
Fay, Leon
Hogan, Benjamin M.

Judson, Jonathan M.
Mele, Nicholas L.
Myers, Peter G.
Shvartsman, Daniel A,©
Sinclair, Kevin S.
Sun, Erik L.
Ward, Andrew A.
Treat, Thomas M.

Wrestling – Varsity
2000 – 2001

| Name | Class | Hometown |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Alovisetti, Charles S. | 2001 | Andover, MA |
| Boileau, Harry S. | 2002 | Lowell, MA |
| Boychenko, Leanna L. | 2002 | Northridge, CA |
| Brodie, Frank L. | 2001 | San Francisco, CA |
| Deshpande, Pawan | 2002 | Andover, MA |
| Fay, Leon | 2004 | Andover, MA |
| Hogan, Benjamin M. | 2001 | Spokane, WA |
| Judson, Jonathan M. | 2002 | Methuen, MA |
| Mele, Nicholas L. | 2001 | Newport, RI |
| Myers, Peter G. | 2001 | Brooklyn, NY |
| Shvartsman, Daniel A. | 2002 | Burlington, MA |
| Sinclair, Kevin S. | 2001 | Pacific Palisades, CA |
| Sun, Erik L. | 2002 | Laguna Hills, CA |
| Treat, Thomas M. | 2004 | Bolton, CT |
| Ward, Andrew A. | 2002 | New Canaan, CT |

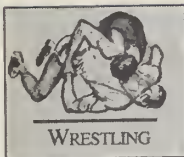
Wrestling Drops First Match of Season in See-Saw Battle; Judson Competes Well in Heavyweight

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by Doug Presley
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 46 |
| Choate | 33 |

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| Wilbraham & Monson | 34 |
| Andover | 31 |



After winning their first two matches against Governor

Dummer and Choate, the

Andover wrestlers suffered their first loss in a close match against Wilbraham & Monson.

Before leaving for winter break, Andover defeated GDA 43-33 at home, despite forfeiting the weight classes of 103 and 112. Pins went to Andover wrestlers Pawan Deshpande '02 (119 lbs), Harry Boileau '02 (130 lbs), Dan Shvartsman '02 (135 lbs), Andrew Ward '02 (140 lbs), Frank Brodie '01 (171 lbs), and Kevin Sinclair '01 (215 lbs).

Last Saturday, wrestling won its second victory of the year at Choate with a 46-33 victory. After once again forfeiting the first two weight classes, Andover sent out Pawan Deshpande '02 in the first match of the day. Though Deshpande took an early lead, he was unable to retain control of the match and lost 4-3 in the third round. Harry Boileau '02 (125 lbs) then took the mat and scored a quick pin in the first period, but the score hovered at 15-6 in favor of Choate.

Leon Fay '03 suffered a tough pin in the 130 lbs weight class, but was followed by a 15-3 win from Captain Dan Shvartsman '02 (135 lbs), bringing the team score to 21-10, Choate.

Andover and Choate then traded pins back and forth as Andrew Ward '02 lost at 140 lbs, Charlie Aloviseti '01 pinned his opponent at the 145 lbs weight class, and Israel Matos '02 (152 lbs) got pinned in the 2nd period. With the score standing 33-16, the Andover team rallied around the senior class and decided that this was one match they didn't want to lose. The next four wrestlers, Nick Mele '01 (160 lbs), Frank Brodie '01 (171 lbs), Peter Meyers '01 (189 lbs) and Kevin Sinclair '01 (215 lbs) all came out on the mat fired up and each pinned his opponent to clinch the win with a score of 40-33 before the final match. The pressure taken off his back, Jon Judson '01 (275 lbs) took the mat in a match where he was giving up over 30 lbs. Yet despite the weight difference and the fact that it was his first varsity match ever, Judson managed a win to finish the meet at 46-33 Andover. Thanks to the late rally by the upper-class wrestlers especially, Andover came away with a 2-0 record to head into its next meet against Wilbraham.

Last Wednesday, Andover wrestling trekked to Wilbraham & Monson for its third meet. After

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GOOD START, BUT "LONG WAY TO GO" FOR WRESTLING

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receiving one forfeit in the 112 lbs class by Leanna Boychenko '02, Pawan Despande '02 lost in a hard fought match in which he managed not to get pinned. Harry Boileau '02 then stepped up and managed a 15-5 win to bring the team score to 10-5 Andover. Dan Shvartsman '02 followed with a pin to raise the score to 16-5. Leon Fay '03 fought a long and hard match and resisted getting pinned for the full six minutes, managing a minute 10-5 loss. The next three Andover wrestlers all suffered defeats as well, with Andrew Ward '02 getting pinned in the 3rd period, Charlie Aloviseti '01 fighting hard but still losing 16-4, and Israel Matos '02 fighting hard against a 18-7 loss. With the score then standing 22 -16, Nick Mele '01 came out and pinned his opponent, and Frank Brodie '01 won his match 2-0. The teams then traded pins as Peter Meyers '01 lost in a very hard and well-fought match, but was followed by Kevin Sinclair '01 who pinned his opponent. With the score 31-28 in favor of Andover, Jon Jusdon took to the mat in the heavyweight match. Unfortunately, he was outweighed again, and lost by pin in the first round. As the match ended, the score stood 34-31 Wilbraham after having teetered back and forth all day long.

Some of the early surprises of the year for the team have included Judson, who has stepped into the heavyweight spot with very little experience under his belt, and junior Leon Fay, who shows great promise as a wrestler. With a record of 2-1, and 4 meets coming up this Saturday, the team has some very important practicing and work to do.

"If we want to be where we were last year, we've got a long way to go" stated team captain Shvartsman. While it may be a long way to go to get out of the "middle of the pack," it is not too long a way to be reachable.

"This was our first real test, and results were mixed" stated Coach Gorham. "The team showed a lot of effort and courage, but it needs to improve if it is going to be one of the better teams in the league."

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Wrestling captain Dan Shvartsman '02 presses his opponent into the mat.



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Nick Mele '01 makes his opponent eat mat before going on to win the pin and six points in Andover's hard-fought loss to Choate last Saturday.

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A. Tucker/The Phillipian

Even while temporarily blinded, Erik Sun '02 to take advantage of his GDA opponent as part of Andover's 43-33 win last December.

N. Andover Smokes Wrestling After Winless Weekend Slide

by Doug Presley
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Loomis-Chaffe | 39 |
| Andover | 32 |
| Belmont Hill | 48 |
| Andover | 26 |
| New Hampton | 51 |
| Andover | 30 |
| North Andover | 62 |
| Andover | 7 |



Andover wrestling suffered tough losses this past Saturday and Wednesday as the Big Blue lost all

four of meets they wrestled. The slide started at the quad meet last Saturday where Andover lost 39-32 to Loomis Chaffe, lost 48-26 to Belmont Hill, and lost 51-30 against New Hampton. In a much more local match this Wednesday, the Phillips Andover wrestlers fell hard to the North Andover wrestling squad 62-7.

Last Saturday started with a close match against the Loomis team, where after taking the lead in the middle weights Andover was unable to hold on to the lead. The Belmont match never was quite as close as the first meet of the day, and after jumping to an early lead Belmont managed to retain their lead throughout the match. In the final match of the day against New Hampton, in a match composed almost entirely of either pins or forfeits for both teams, Andover managed a slight lead but lost the final three weight classes to fall to 6-5 on the year. Pins went out to Harry Boileau '02 (125 lbs) with two, Dan Shvartsman '02 (130 lbs), Leon Fay '04 (135 lbs), Nick Mele '01 (160 lbs) with two, Peter Myers '01 (171 lbs), and Kevin Sinclair '01 (215 lbs).

On Wednesday, with a near full roster despite two injured varsity wrestlers, the Blue faced the strong North Andover team. To start off the match, Tom Treat '04 (103 lbs) took to the mat but fell to a pin in his varsity debut. Leanna Boychenko '02 (112 lbs) followed but fell to a pin as well. Pawan Deshpande '02 (119 lbs) stepped up next, and after a hard fought match ended up with a minor decision against him to bring the score to 15-0 North Andover. Next came the longest match of the day featuring Harry Boileau '02 (125 lbs). Two years

ago, Boileau went into the North Andover meet with a 10-0 record, but lost his first match in his high school career to his opponent. This Wednesday he got his chance for a re-match against the same opponent who beat him two years ago. After three hard periods of fighting off his re-occurring abdominal problems, Boileau took the match into overtime and managed a takedown for the win and the redemption. With the score standing 15-3, Dan Shvartsman '02 (130 lbs) took the mat and after just missing a tech on his opponent in the last few seconds, to back a major decision and four points to bring the score to 15-7. That was it for the Blue however, as the rest of the day went entirely in favor of North Andover. Leon Fay '04 (135 lbs) wrestled hard for all three periods though he lost by a major decision to bring the score to 19-7. After a forfeit by Phillips in the 140 lbs weight class, Luke Spears '02 (145 lbs) was pinned as the deficit rose to 31-7. Next on the roster was Doug Presley '02 (152 lbs), who ended the match down by nine, giving up a major decision and another four team points. Nick Mele '01 (160 lbs) followed with a long hard match that, with only seconds left, turned around and left Mele down by two as the match ended. What followed was a series of four pins in a row against the PA squad to finish off the match. With the match already decided, the North Andover team still pinned Peter Myers '01 (171 lbs), Frank Brodie '01 (189 lbs), Kevin Sinclair '01 (215 lbs) and Jon Judson '02 (275) in the heavyweight division. After a hard day of wrestling, the scoreboard didn't show it as the Phillips Andover Blue lost to the North Andover Scarlet Knights 62-7 and fell to 6-6 on the year.

"We didn't wrestle that poorly today" said team captain Dan Shvartsman '02 of the North Andover meet, "they're just a really good team." Asked about the future of the team, captain Shvartsman stated that "if we want to improve, the onus is on us. We're a young team." As Shvartsman's clever use of language makes so evidently clear, the team needs to get mentally and physically ready if it wants to turn around the current slide. The Blue will be wrestling tonight at 6:30 in the Gym against NMH in an attempt to recover a winning record.

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Captain Dan Shvartsman '02 makes his Loomis-Chaffee opponent eat his own knee on Saturday.

WRESTLING GETS PINNED BY EXETER

BIG RED TOO HOT TO HANDLE

Captain Shvartsman Remains Perfect; Team Prepares For Class A's

by Doug Presley
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 14 |



Andover wrestling had its last match of the season against Exeter this week. Unfortunately,

the Blue fell to the Red 61-14. The Andover team gave a hard effort in a match against a stronger team and managed to keep the match close through the lightweights.

The match began with Tom Treat '04 (103lbs) in one of the hardest matches of the day. Treat wrestled hard for three full periods, holding his opponent to only a fourteen-point lead, one short of the fifteen needed for a technical fall. Treat wrestled his heart out to keep from getting teched and left the mat with the team score 4-0 Exeter. Next on the roster was Leanna Boychenko '02 (112lbs), who suffered a hard pin as the score fell to 10-0.

Next for PA Pawan Deshpande '02 (119lbs) came up big. Deshpande came away with a well-executed pin to bring the Blue back within 4 team points. Jeffery Pena '04, usually a 119, had to fill in for the injured Boileau '02 by wrestling up a weight class at 125lbs. Pena unfortunately

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could not hold on throughout his match though, and he was pinned by his opponent to bring the score to 16-6. Dan Shvartsman '02 (130lbs) just missed pinning his opponent, but still managed to score a technical fall for five points to finish off his undefeated season.

With the score standing 11-16, Leon Fay '04 (135lbs) took the mat. Fay wrestled hard throughout his match, but finished down 7-0 in a match that was closer than the score portrayed. Andrew Ward '02 (140lbs) wrestled the Exeter team captain next, but was not able to fight off the pin, and the score fell to 25 - 11. Charlie Aloviseti '01 (145lbs), coming back from a long injury, wrestled a very tough and close match for his last dual meet of his PA career. His opponent managed to tie the score with only 30 seconds left in a match that Aloviseti had been leading

throughout. He rose to the challenge however, and managed to score a crucial point in the remaining seconds of the match to bring the score to 4-3 for the win. Aloviseti brought the score up to 25-14, but unfortunately was the last Andover wrestler to score points.

The Blue lost its hold on the match as the remaining five wrestlers all suffered pins. Erik Sun '02 (152lbs) and Nick Mele '01 (160lbs) were the first of the five, and were followed by Ben Hogan '01 (171lbs) who was wrestling up a weight class. The final two matches featured Frank Brodie '01 (189lbs) and Kevin Sinclair '01 (215lbs) both of who wrestled aggressive matches but were unable to channel their efforts into a win. After Andover forfeiting the heavyweight class, the score stood Andover 14, Exeter 61.

"Today was disappointing," stated team captain Dan Shvartsman '02 "you always want to beat Exeter. But

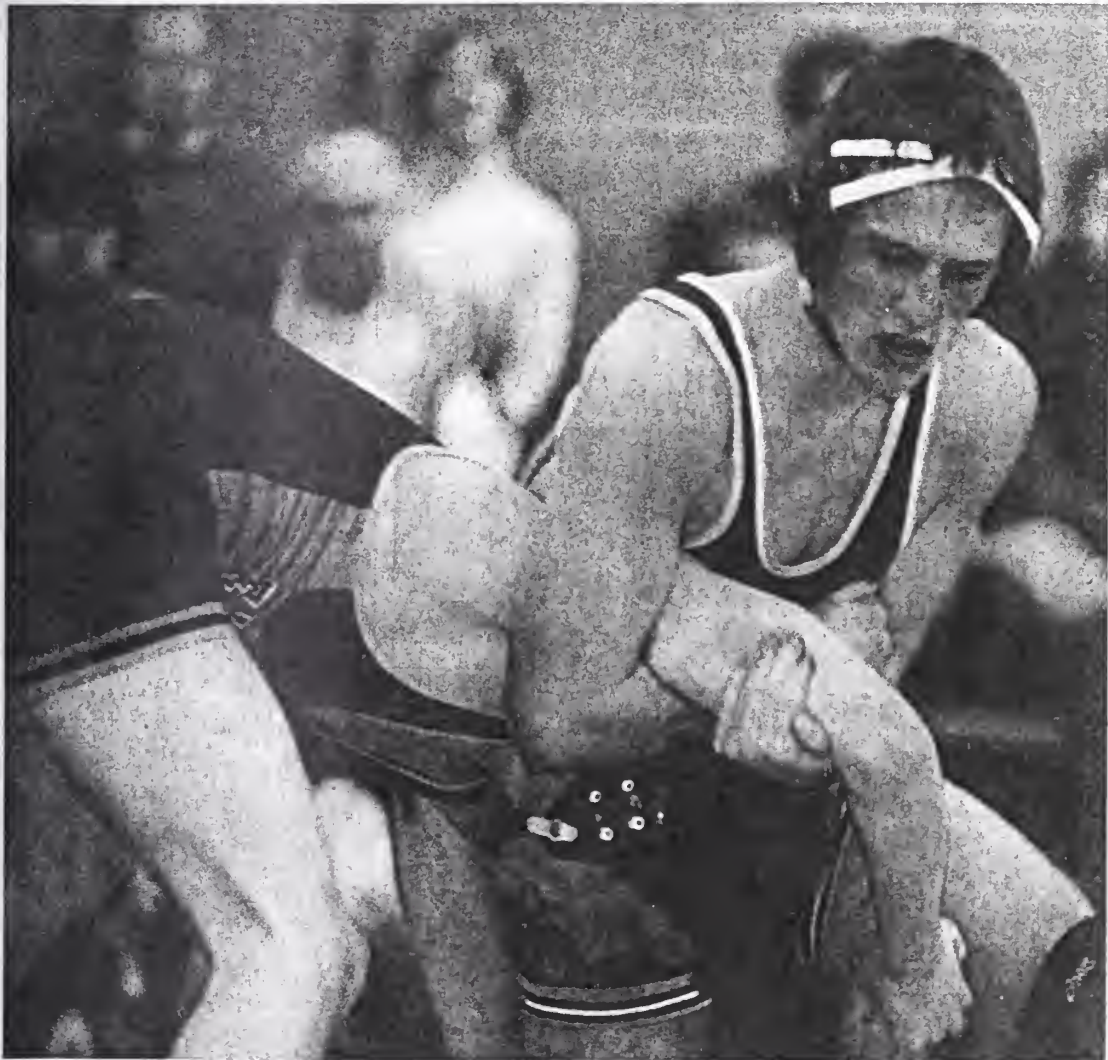
they were a better team and they out-wrestled us today." With the regular season behind them, the team is looking forward to the upcoming tournaments. The Class A tournament is this coming Saturday and should be a "good chance to catch a few teams that beat us during the regular season" stated Shvartsman.

Loomis and Deerfield are two specific teams among others that the Andover squad will get another chance at during the upcoming tournaments. The team will be relying not only on the seniors and top wrestlers to place high in their brackets, but also on the newer wrestlers to score as many points as they can throughout the tournaments.

Following the Class A's, the team will send some wrestlers to the Prep Nationals next weekend and the New England tournament the following weekend.

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Wrestling Unable to Handle Talented Squad



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Charles Alvisetti '01 locks up his opponent in Wednesday's crushing defeat to arch-rival Exeter. Alvosetti's win brought the team score to 25-14

Dan Shvartsman '02

"Dan is the most dedicated athlete that I have ever played with. His devotion rubs off on his teammates"

-Jonathan Judson '02

by Emily O'Brien *Feb. 23*
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Dan Shvartsman '02 has yet to give up an offensive point this season on the mat. Boasting a perfect 21-0 this season record and a 73-11 record at PA, Dan could quite possibly surpass Adam Jonas' '00 80-win record this season. According to head coach Rich Gorham, "Dan is on track to be the best Andover wrestler of all time." Dan began wrestling in third grade in his hometown of Burlington MA because his brother, a sophomore in high school, became interested in the sport. However, Dan's burgeoning wrestling career nearly skidded to a halt: in his first match, "[he] lost something like 11-8, and I just remember coming off the mat with my throat burning. I really didn't like it and skipped the next practice."

However, Dan stuck to the mats, due in part to his older brother. "The biggest impact on my career has been made by my older brother. He has pushed me all along and took over the youth program when I was in 7th grade. He's been something of a personal coach for a long time, and has really helped push me to the next level." Dan's decision to apply to PA was due mostly to encouragement from his parents. "My parents wanted me to get a better education so they decided it was best to send me here. My parents really pushed me towards the decision, and I finally decided the

academics and the experience here might be worth it." They have also stood by his wrestling, but "think it should be done within reason and probably a little less than I do," according to Dan. Boasting a variety of extracurriculars, Dan also plays the trombone and writes for the Phillipian. As a consistent writer of the Athlete of the week article, he has enjoyed this week's role reversal. Rounding out his CV, Dan "The mole" Shvartsman also

leads by example," commented Harry Boileau '02.

"This season has been a tough year compared to past seasons, but the team has worked hard and has had some big improvements," noted Dan. Wrestling took sixth at Class A's last Saturday, an achievement for the team and a reflection of Captain Shvartsman's influence. Dan hopes that of the five guys Big Blue wrestling will bring to New England's, three or more of them

can place. He is also looking forward to the JV tournament, which will be an excellent indicator for the future.

Dan has many personal goals for this season and for the future. He strives to win New England's and place in the top six at nationals. These two major triumphs would give Dan some momentum going into the off-season. Ideally, Shvartsman would like to attend a large college and is working to be at a D-1 level.

Dan's accomplishments as a wrestler are nothing short of outstanding. He was the first PA



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Captain Dan Shvartsman '02 looks to pin his opponent. Shvartsman finished first in Saturday's Class-A Championships.

plays clustah soccer.

Despite the fact that Dan is only an Upper, he is captain of the wrestling team. According to Dan, "It's a challenge to be captain, but obviously it's nice for the ego to know your teammates respect you. Still, we're all together and equal on this team, and while I have a large leadership role, we look for many guys to step up." "Dan is an excellent captain, one who

wrestler to win Prep All-American as an underclassman, specifically as a lower. In addition to placing at both Prep Nationals and at a later National tournament in the spring of last year, Dan has also won two New England youth titles. However, always modest and grounded, Dan says "I hope to keep improving, I have a lot more things to work on."

Wrestling Places 6th at League Tournament

Shvartsman '02, Boileau '02 Finish in Top Two

by Dan Shvartsman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



At the end of a long, arduous journey through a slowly building season, Andover wrestling finished

on an up note with a strong 6th place showing at Class A's at Tabor. Riding on a few unexpected performances, the Blue was able to exceed its predicted placing of 8th and finish just outside the Top 5, despite defaulting on 4 weight classes.

The seniors on the squad all came out with vigor in their last varsity tournament. Charlie Aloviseti '01 had a vicious day, winning his first match 13-0 before beating his Exeter rival again by a point in the quarterfinals.

He then went up against eventual champ Chris Robichaud, a PG from NMH, and got pinned. Charlie slid into the consolation brackets, where he won an easier match, and then took the mats to compete for 3rd place. Aloviseti wrestled into overtime with a Deerfield opponent, but pulled out a 2-0 victory with a headlock.

Another superior senior performance by Kevin Sinclair '01 earned him 3rd place, despite being seeded 7th. After losing to the #2 seed in the quarterfinals, Kevin pinned three straight wrestlers to seal the 3rd place match. His opponent from New Hampton was injured and unable to wrestle, awarding Kevin the victory and 3rd place. Nick Mele '01 also overachieved, as he went from a #6 seed to a 4th place finish. After pinning his first opponent in a back and forth match, Nick lost to a very tough opponent from Tabor,

Dan Lipshutz. Mele stormed back through the consolation rounds to get into the 3rd place match, where a strong NMH wrestler overmatched him. The last senior on the team, Frank Brodie, wrestled hard despite being pitted against some tough opponents. However, it was just a little too much, and he wasn't able to pull out a place.

The upper class also had a big day. Captain Dan Shvartsman '02 lived up to his #1 seed and won the tournament. The day started out with a quick pin in the first period, and was followed by a 23-8 tech fall in the 2nd period. In the semifinals Shvartsman had his weakest match of the day, only managing to pull out a 13-6 victory over a Loomis foe. But in the finals he came out with a stronger start and managed to jump to a 10-4 lead after 1 period before holding on for a 13-4 victory over a Deerfield wrestler, Chris Brown.

Brown was the only Class A wrestler who had defeated Andover teammate Harry Boileau during the season, so Shvartsman took sweet revenge.

Boileau himself was recovering from an ankle sprain that severely limited his ability to wrestle. He still managed to pin his first opponent and score an 8-0 major decision over a tough NMH wrestler in the semifinals. In the finals he went up against his archrival Lars Ojukwo from Exeter, whom he had beaten 2 out of 3 times last year. This time Lars was very ready and smelled the blood from Harry's injury, coming out with a purpose and pinning Harry in the 1st period.

Another upper who pulled out a big tournament was Pawan Deshpande, who pulled out from the unseeded to take 6th place. After a nice pin in the first round, Pawan faced Matt Doerflor, a PG and eventual champ from NMH, who pinned Pawan

quickly. Pawan struggled to recover from the loss, but lost two consecutive close matches to finish out the tournament at 6th place. Erik Sun also fought ferociously for Andover, winning his first match with a pin before going against the top seed from Exeter, Matt Stolpinski. Stolpinski dispatched Sun quickly, which left Erik a little fuddled; he lost his next match and was eliminated from the tourney.

An encouraging sign for the future was the performance of the two freshmen on the team, Leon Fay and Tom Treat. Leon, despite wrestling up a weight, struggled to avoid getting pinned by the #2 seed in the tournament, and ended up with a tech fall. He then succumbed 12-1 in his next match. Leon went up against eventual placewinner Josh Howe of Tilton, and fell by a decision. Tom wrestled the #1 seed in the tournament, Tong Vang, in his first match, and battled to delay the inevitable pin. Tom then went up against his Exeter opponent again, who had days ago beaten him 14-0, and managed to keep the score to 6-0, showing great improvement over a short time.

Andover showed good intestinal fortitude in finishing 6th at the tournament, and the underclassmen displayed some promising signs for next year. The team looks forward to the JV tournament this Saturday. Sinclair, Boileau, and Shvartsman will be traveling to Lehigh this weekend for Prep Nationals, and the following weekend the big three plus Aloviseti and Mele will battle it out at Prep New England. Hopefully the team can put a nice cap to this season and start looking hungrily towards next one.

PA WRESTLERS HEADLOCKED AT NATIONALS

by Dan Shvartsman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



The Wrestling National Prep tournament started last Friday morning at Lehigh University in

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Captain Dan Shvartzman '02, Harry Boileau '02, and Kevin Sinclair '01 represented PA among tough competition, and were unfortunately unable to hold on to a two-year All-American streak.

Two rounds of lighter weight classes opened the tournament, giving Dan and Harry a chance to pick up a few early wins. Harry started off the day for Andover at 125, winning a solid 7-4 decision over a lesser opponent from Chestnut Hill. A moment of trepidation arose late in the match when Harry, trying to flip out of his opponents grasp, landed hard on his right ankle, which has been nagging him over the last two weeks of the season. Luckily, Harry was able to finish the match and held on for a victory.

Dan was next, wrestling up a weight class at 130. He went up against a considerably weaker opponent, Mac Riddel from Richmond-Collegiate, and managed to rack up 10 takedowns and a 22-9 lead before giving up a takedown at the end, leaving the final score at 22-11.

In the 2nd round, Boileau wrestled J.P. Fantuzzo of Westtown. Harry jumped out early in the match to a 7-0 lead. Fantuzzo then hit a textbook headlock, launching Harry through the air and to his back. Harry was able to fight it and conclude the match on top, 9-8, advancing him to round 16. Shvartsman soon followed, wrestling Ed Stanton from Peddie. Dan had a sloppy 1st period and the score was tied at 4 at the end of it. In the 2nd, after giving up an escape, Shvartsman slowly built on to the lead, ending the match with a 13-6 victory.

Finally it was Kevin's turn to wrestle. He received a bye in the first round, and then quickly pinned his next opponent, James Kelso from St. Paul's, with a new double overhook trip that he had been working on. In the next round Boileau was up first, facing Brandon Whittaker of Lasalle. The match started off in Harry's favor, as he managed to pick up a takedown to start the match, but Whittaker eventually pinned Boileau in the 3rd. Shvartsman then wrestled the #2 ranked wrestler at his weight in New England, Mike Fraser from Hotchkiss. Despite Fraser's high ranking, Dan wore him down, pulling out a 9-5 victory. Sinclair then joined Shvartsman in the quarterfinals, as he pinned his next opponent from Mt. St. Joe's even quicker than the first, again using his overhook trip.

In the quarterfinals Andover's luck started to run out. Shvartsman went against Dave Hopkins of Germantown Academy, who proved to be too big for Shvartsman. In the end Hopkins won out with a dominant 7-2 showing. Sinclair then faced Mike Petrash of Landon and got beat by the slicker foe, who pinned him in the 2nd. Boileau was officially eliminated from the tournament, as Whittaker failed to reach the semifinals and pull Harry in.

On Saturday Shvartsman again started the wrestling for the Blue, but was overmatched by a bigger opponent. Chris Miosi of St. Stephens St. Agnes just outclassed Dan, beating him with both skill and strength, and finished up on top 10-1, the big score being 5 points off a pancake. Sinclair then met the same fate, wrestling ISL champ Conor Maguire from Lawrence Academy. Sinclair made a mistake in the 2nd period, leaving the window of opportunity for Maguire, who managed to pin Kevin.

Andover finished the day with two wrestlers, Sinclair and Shvartsman, in the Top 12, but it was not quite what was hoped for. But there was nothing to be ashamed of, as the final record for the team in matches was 7-5.

Place In Top Twelve

Uppers Shavrtsman, Boileau

by Doug Presley
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



While it was not the most glamorous of seasons, Andover Wrestling worked

and wrestled hard throughout the winter term, gaining invaluable experience for next year's season. Team Captain Dan Shvartsman '02 led the team through an 8-9 season characterized by strong rookie effort and steady senior leadership. The league season culminated with the Class A tournament, where Andover finished strongly, with more points than it had hoped to gain. Following the Class A's, Andover sent a select group of wrestlers to the New England and National tournaments where they distinguished themselves in the name of their team.

The season opened just before winter break with a win against Governor Dummer Academy. The match, a valuable gauge of how ready the team was for the season, ended with the score of 43-33, PA's victory resting on a margin of no more than two individual matches. The Blue knew that it needed to put in a lot of time over winter break to come back in order to good shape for a strong season.

On its return, the team faced Choate with a 1-0 record, struggling through the first half of the matches and falling behind by 17 points. The senior members of the team, however, were determined not to lose the meet. Each of the five members of the class of '01 wrestling that day won his match with a pin, giving Andover the 46-33 victory.

The Wilbraham & Monson match that followed was the team's closest of the year (34-31), as well as the team's

first loss. Knowing that the defeat at the hands of Wilbraham was not resounding, Andover wrestling took its 2-1 record proudly into the next week, which held a tri-meet and a quad-meet. When the dust settled, the Blue had brought home four victories and one loss, a hard 48-30 blow from Deerfield. The victories, a 43-21 win over Tilton, a 52-6 win over Hyde of Maine, a 40-35 victory over Tabor, and a 53-6 win over Worcester, were characterized by opposing teams who were unable to fill all their weight classes. While many wrestlers accepted forfeits throughout the week, the wrestling that did go on was generally well executed.

With a 6-2 record, Andover headed into the heart of the storm as matches with the top ranked teams in the league came faster and faster. The next item on the schedule was a quad-meet. Despite the home mat advantage, Andover was unable to turn in a single win, falling 39-32 to Loomis Chaffe, 48-26 to Belmont Hill, and 51-30 against New Hampton.

The next two matches were to be two of the hardest of the year, and, though the scores were disappointing to say the least, they belied the spirit and intensity of the matches. The North Andover match, the first of the two, ended with a score of 62-7. The Blue was not discouraged, however, for the match had been hard fought. The following match, the annual Friday night face-off against NMH, ended with another painful score of 68-8. Once again, the team maintained its equilibrium, knowing that the every member of the team went out ready to wrestle and gave it his best shot.

In a much needed break from the heavy league competition, the squad went to BB&N for a meet the following Wednesday. With only three losses for the day, the team came home with a

55-15 victory, bringing its record back to 7-7. As the hectic pace of the season calmed down, the team settled down to a steady two meets per week, facing Moses Brown and the Brooks School after the BB&N meet. The Moses Brown meet, predicted to be a close contest, fulfilled all prophecies as the Blue handily managed a 40-34 victory. The meet came down to the last match and every single victory counted; without each hard fought win, the score could have gone the other way. Unfortunately, the following meet against Brooks was emblematic of the values the team had demonstrated all year. Though the 61-8 loss was no worse on paper than previous losses, the team knew that its effort was lacking, making it the most difficult loss of the year.

With an even 8-8 record, The Big Blue went into its final match against the Big Red: Exeter. The team really brought the hustle back into the sport for the Exeter meet, and, despite a disappointing 61-14 loss, the hard fought match left nothing to be ashamed of.

With the regular season over, the team headed down to Tabor for the Class A tournament. Seeded 8th, the team went in ready to prove the predictions wrong, and did just that by returning home with a 6th place finish. After a strong day's effort by everyone, Andover placed a half dozen wrestlers. In order of weight, Pawan Deshpande '02 (6th place), Harry Boileau '02 (2nd place), Shvartsman (1st place), Charlie Aloviseti '01 (3rd

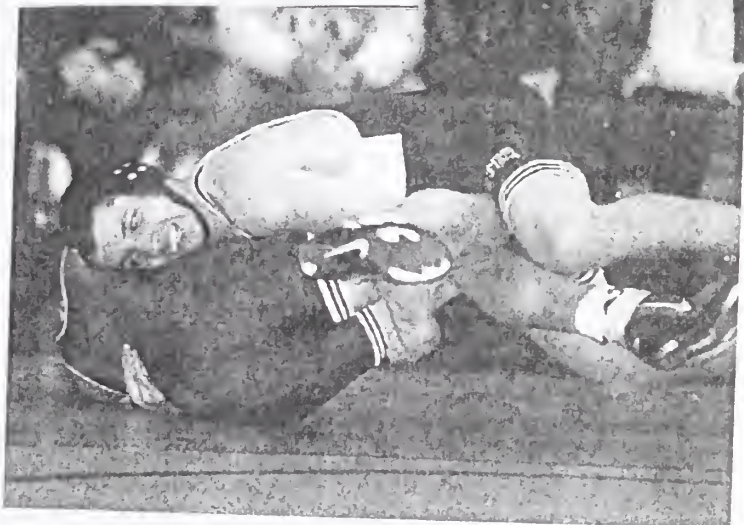
place), Nick Mele '01(4th place) and Kevin Sinclair '01 (3rd place) all managed to place for the Big Blue.

The following weekend Andover took three wrestlers, Boileau, Shvartsman, and Sinclair, to Lehigh, Pennsylvania for the prep national tournament. Though the team didn't garner as many victories as it would have liked, the wrestlers still put on an impressive performance, two of them placing in the top 12 and finishing with a 7-5 record for matches as a team. To cap off the entire season, the Big Blue went to the New England tournament, where wrestlers Shvartsman (2nd) and Aloviseti (4th) both managed to place.

And so concluded the 2000-2001 Andover wrestling season. The team struggled with recurring injuries but still managed to finish strong with effort and heart all the way through to the last second of the last match of the season.

The team bids farewell to departing seniors Aloviseti, Ben Hogan, Mele, Peter Myers, Frank Brodie, and Sinclair. "It was an up and down year" said team captain Dan Shvartsman '02, "but we had a good finish in the tournament, and look forward to returning nine Varsity starters plus a few other guys who got some starting experience."

As Shvartsman once said, "the onus is onus" to work hard to improve, and the team will surely be doing that over the long summer months ahead in preparation for the next Andover wrestling season.



Captain Dan Shvartsman '02, who placed in the top 12 at Prep Nationals, takes down in an opponent.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 1
Lacrosse (B V) Choate.....(A) 10:30

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
Baseball (B V) HAVERHILL HS (SCRIM).....(H) 3:00
Lacrosse (B V) GDVERNDR DUMMER.....(H) 3:30
Lacrosse (G V) Milton (Scrimmage).....(A) 3:30
Softball (G V) LOWELL HIGH.....(H) 3:15
Tennis (B V) Tufts.....(A) 3:00
Tennis (G V) MIDDLESEX.....(H) 2:30
Ultimate ANDDVER HIGH SCHODL.....(H) 3:00

FRIDAY, APRIL 6
Baseball (B V) WATERVILLE HIGH SCHDDL.....(H) 3:30
Tennis (B V) Belmont Hill.....(A) 4:30

SATURDAY, APRIL 7
Baseball (B JV1) WDRCESTER.....(H) 1:00
Baseball (B V) BRIDGTDN (SCRIM).....(H) 1:30
Golf (V) Tabor.....(A) 2:15
Lacrosse (G JV2) ANDOVER HIGH SCHODL.....(H) 1:00
Lacrosse (G V) MIDDLESEX (SCRIMMAGE).....(H) 2:00
Softball (G JV) FREEMONT JH.....(H) 1:00
Softball (G V) BUCKSPDR HS.....(H) 3:00
Softball (G V) ND. ANDDVER HIGH.....(H) 1:00
Tennis (B JV) New Hampton.....(A) 2:30
Tennis (B V) Taft.....(A) 2:30
Tennis (G V) Deerfield.....(A) 1:00
Tennis (G VB) CDNCORD ACADEMY.....(H) 1:00
Track & Field (B V) READING (SCRIMMAGE).....(H) 1:30
Track & Field (G V) READING (SCRIMMAGE).....(H) 1:30
Volleyball (B V) CENTRAL CATH (SCRIM).....(H) 1:00

MONDAY, APRIL 9
Volleyball (B V) ST. JDHN'S.....(H) 3:45

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11
Baseball (B JV1) CUSHING.....(H) 3:30
Baseball (B JV2) B.B. & N.....(A) 3:15
Baseball (B V) Tabor.....(A) 3:15
Golf (V) EXETER/GDA.....(H) 2:30
Lacrosse (B JV1) GDVERNDR DUMMER.....(H) 3:00
Lacrosse (B JV2) Governor Dummer.....(A) 3:00
Lacrosse (B V) N. M. H.....(A) 4:00
Lacrosse (G JV1) DANA HALL.....(H) 3:30
Lacrosse (G JV2) Milton.....(A) 3:15
Lacrosse (G V) St. Mark's (Scrimmage).....(A) 3:15
Softball (G JV) NDRTH READING.....(H) 3:30
Softball (G V) NDRTH READING HS.....(H) 3:30
Tennis (B VB) Concord Academy.....(A) 3:00
Tennis (G JV) WINSDR.....(H) 4:00
Tennis (G V) TABDR.....(H) 2:30

Tennis (G VB) Winsor.....(A) 3:00
Ultimate NEW JEWISH.....(H) 3:00

THURSDAY, APRIL 12
Golf (V) Belmont Hill.....(A) 3:45

FRIDAY, APRIL 13
Lacrosse (G V) K.U.A.....(H) 4:00
Softball (G V) NOBLE HS.....(H) 4:00
Tennis (B V) ANDDVER HIGH SCHOOL.....(H) 4:00
Tennis (G VB) BRDDKS.....(H) 4:15

SATURDAY, APRIL 14
Baseball (B V) Wilbraham & Monson.....(A) 11:00
Crew (B V) Kent.....(A) 2:00
Crew (G V) Kent.....(A) 2:00
Lacrosse (B V) Roxbury Latin School.....(A) 2:00
Tennis (B V) N.M.H.....(H) 11:00
Tennis (B VB) N.M.H.....(H) 11:00
Track & Field (B V) Taft/Deerfield.....(A) 2:00
Track & Field (G V) Taft/Deerfield.....(A) 2:00
Volleyball (B JV) CHDATE.....(H) 3:30
Volleyball (B V) CHDATE.....(H) 3:30

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18
Baseball (B JV1) Haverhill High School.....(A) 2:45
Baseball (B JV2) GR. LAW. TECHNICAL HIGH.....(H) 3:15
Baseball (B V) CUSHING.....(H) 3:00
Golf (V) HDLDERNESS.....(H) 2:30
Lacrosse (B JV2) BELMDNT HILL.....(H) 3:00
Lacrosse (B V) BRIDGETDN ACADEMY.....(H) 4:00
Lacrosse (G JV1) N.M.H.....(A) 4:00
Lacrosse (G JV2) BROOKWOOD SCHDDL.....(H) 3:45
Lacrosse (G V) N. M. H.....(A) 4:00
Softball (G JV) PIKE SCHDDL.....(H) 3:00
Softball (G V) K.U.A.....(H) 3:00
Tennis (B JV) Tabor.....(A) 3:00
Tennis (B VB) Tabor.....(A) 3:00
Tennis (G JV) TILTON.....(H) 2:30
Ultimate HAMILTON-WENHAM.....(H) 3:30
Volleyball (B V) CHELMSFDRD.....(H) 3:30

FRIDAY, APRIL 20
Lacrosse (B JV1) LDWELL HIGH SCHDDL.....(H) 3:30
Lacrosse (B JV2) CHELMSFORD.....(H) 4:00
Lacrosse (G JV2) DANA HALL.....(H) 3:00
Lacrosse (G V) Harvard.....(A) 4:30
Tennis (B V) GRDTON.....(H) 4:15
Tennis (G JV) PIKE SCHODL.....(H) 3:45

SATURDAY, APRIL 21
Baseball (B JV1) LEXINGTON CHRISTIAN.....(H) 1:00
Baseball (B JV2) PINGREE.....(H) 3:30

Baseball (B V) Worcester (DH).....(A) 11:00
Crew (B V) St. John's/Simsb/Exeter.....(A) 3:00
Crew (G V) Simsbury/Exeter.....(A) 3:00
Lacrosse (B V) HYDE SCHDDL.....(H) 2:00
Softball (G V) NMH/Worcester.....(A) 2:00
Tennis (G V) Choate.....(A) 1:30
Tennis (G VB) Choate.....(A) 1:30

SUNDAY, APRIL 22
Cycling Team Plymouth MA.....(A) 9:00

MDNDAY, APRIL 23
Tennis (G V) GDVERNOR DUMMER.....(H) 4:30

TUESDAY, APRIL 24
Volleyball (B V) METHUEN HIGH SCHDDL.....(H) 3:30

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25
Baseball (B JV1) MALDEN CATHOLIC HIGH.....(H) 3:30
Baseball (B V) Harvard.....(A) 3:30
Cycling Team Holderness Plymouth NH.....(A) 3:00
Lacrosse (B JV1) HOLDERNESS.....(H) 3:15
Lacrosse (B JV2) BERWICK ACADEMY.....(H) 3:30
Lacrosse (B V) HDLDERNESS.....(H) 3:15
Lacrosse (G JV1) HOLDERNESS.....(H) 4:30
Lacrosse (G V) HOLDERNESS.....(H) 3:00
Tennis (B JV) BELMONT HILL.....(H) 4:00
Tennis (B V) MILTON.....(H) 3:15
Tennis (B VB) St. John's.....(A) 3:15
Track & Field (B V) TEWKSBURY/CHELMSFORD.....(H) 3:00
Track & Field (G V) CHELMSFDRD.....(H) 3:00
Ultimate NEWTON NORTH.....(H) 3:30

FRIDAY, APRIL 27
Baseball (B JV2) MILTDN.....(H) 4:30
Golf (V) Middlesex/B.B. & N.....(A) 4:00
Softball (G JV) Dana Hall.....(A) 4:30
Ultimate MASCONDMET.....(H) 3:30

SATURDAY, APRIL 28
Baseball (B JV1) CATHOLIC MEMORIAL HIGH.....(H) 1:30
Baseball (B V) N/M/H (DH).....(H) 1:00
Crew (B V) SALISBURY.....(H) 3:00
Crew (G V) Brooks/Middlesex.....(A) 2:00
Lacrosse (B JV1) DEERFIELD.....(H) 2:30
Lacrosse (B JV2) PROCTOR.....(H) 3:30
Lacrosse (B V) DEERFIELD.....(H) 2:30
Lacrosse (G JV1) PROCTOR.....(H) 2:00
Lacrosse (G JV2) PROCTOR.....(H) 3:15
Lacrosse (G V) Taft.....(A) 2:30
Softball (G V) CUSHING/TABDR/NAZARETH.....(H) 2:00
Tennis (B V) Deerfield.....(A) 1:30
Tennis (B VB) Deerfield.....(A) 1:30

Tennis (G JV) Exeter.....(A) 1:00
Tennis (G V) Exeter.....(A) 1:00
Tennis (G VB) Exeter.....(A) 1:00
Track & Field (JV) N.M.H.....(A) 2:15
Track & Field (B V) N.M.H.....(A) 2:15
Track & Field (G JV) N.M.H./Milton/SPS.....(A) 2:15
Track & Field (G V) N.M.H./Milton/SPS.....(A) 2:15
Volleyball (B JV) N.M.H.....(A) 2:15
Volleyball (B V) N.M.H.....(A) 2:15

SUNDAY, APRIL 29
Cycling Team White Mountain.....(A) 11:00

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2
Baseball (B JV2) St. John's.....(A) 3:00
Baseball (B V) WILBRAHAM & MONSON.....(H) 3:15
Golf (V) St. Mark's.....(A) 3:00
Lacrosse (B JV1) Pinkerton.....(A) 5:00
Lacrosse (B V) Pinkerton.....(A) 5:00
Lacrosse (G JV1) B.B. & N.....(H) 4:45
Lacrosse (G JV2) PIKE SCHOOL.....(H) 3:00
Lacrosse (G V) B.B. & N.....(H) 3:15
Softball (G V) EXETER.....(H) 2:30
Tennis (B JV) EXETER.....(H) 2:30
Tennis (B V) EXETER.....(H) 2:30
Tennis (B VB) EXETER.....(H) 2:30
Tennis (G JV) St. Paul's.....(A) 3:00
Ultimate HAVERHILL.....(H) 3:30

THURSDAY, MAY 3
Baseball (B JV1) ST. JDHN'S.....(H) 3:30

FRIDAY, MAY 4
Golf (V) TILTDN.....(H) 4:15
Lacrosse (B JV2) PIKE SCHDDL.....(H) 3:45
Lacrosse (G JV1) Shore Country Day.....(A) 4:00
Softball (G JV) Governor Dummer.....(A) 4:15
Tennis (B JV) Belmont Hill.....(A) 4:30
Tennis (B V) Middlesex.....(A) 4:30
Tennis (B VB) ANDDVER HIGH SCHDDL.....(H) 3:30
Ultimate NEWTDN COUNTRY DAY.....(H) 4:15

SATURDAY, MAY 5
Baseball (B JV1) Central Catholic High.....(A) 2:00
Baseball (B JV2) DEERFIELD.....(H) 3:15
Baseball (B V) EXETER (DH).....(H) 1:30
Crew (B V) ST. PAUL'S.....(H) 3:00
Crew (G V) ST. PAUL'S.....(H) 3:00
Golf (V) Deerfield.....(H) 3:30
Lacrosse (B JV1) Loomis-Chaffee.....(A) 3:30
Lacrosse (B V) Loomis-Chaffee.....(A) 3:30
Lacrosse (G JV1) Tabor.....(A) 4:30

Lacrosse (G JV2) TYNGSBDRD H.S.....(H) 2:00
Lacrosse (G V) Tabor.....(A) 3:00
Softball (G V) NEW HAMPTON.....(H) 3:00
Tennis (G V) N.M.H.....(A) 3:15
Tennis (G VB) N.M.H.....(A) 3:15
Track & Field (B JV) ANDDVER HIGH SCHODL.....(H) 2:30
Track & Field (B V) ANDDVER HIGH SCHOOL.....(H) 2:30
Track & Field (G JV) ANDOVER HIGH SCHODL.....(H) 2:30
Track & Field (G V) ANDOVER HIGH SCHDDL.....(H) 2:30
Volleyball (B V) LDWELL HIGH SCHDDL.....(H) 3:00

SUNDAY, MAY 6
Cycling Team Gould.....(A) 11:00

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9
Baseball (B JV1) Milton.....(A) 3:30
Baseball (B JV2) Gr. Law. Technical High.....(A) 3:30
Baseball (B V) Cushing.....(A) 3:00
Crew (G V) LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL.....(H) 4:00
Cycling Team Proctor (Loudon, NH).....(A) 2:30
Golf (V) Thayer/BBN.....(A) 2:30
Lacrosse (B JV1) CDNCDRD HIGH SCHDDL.....(H) 4:00
Lacrosse (B JV2) PINKERTDN.....(H) 3:45
Lacrosse (B V) MILTON.....(H) 3:30
Lacrosse (G JV1) GOVERNDR DUMMER.....(H) 3:15
Lacrosse (G JV2) BROOKWOOD SCHOOL.....(H) 3:45
Lacrosse (G V) GOVERNOR DUMMER.....(H) 3:15
Softball (G JV) SHAWSHEEN TECH.....(H) 3:30
Softball (G V) SHAWSHEEN TECH.....(H) 3:30
Tennis (B V) MDSES BRDWN.....(H) 4:00
Tennis (B VB) MILTDN.....(H) 3:15
Tennis (G V) Middlesex.....(A) 2:15
Tennis (G V) Milton.....(A) 3:00
Track & Field (B JV) CUSHING/CENTRAL.....(H) 3:30
Track & Field (B V) CUSHING/CENTRAL.....(H) 3:30
Track & Field (G JV) CUSHING/CENTRAL.....(H) 3:30
Track & Field (G V) CUSHING/CENTRAL.....(H) 3:30
Ultimate MASCONDMET.....(H) 3:30
Volleyball (B V) Central Cath (Scrimmage).....(A) 3:00

FRIDAY, MAY 11
Lacrosse (B JV1) Belmont Hill.....(A) 4:45
Tennis (B V) CHESHIRE ACADEMY.....(H) 4:00
Tennis (G VB) Dana Hall.....(A) 4:30

SATURDAY, MAY 12
Baseball (B JV1) Deerfield (DH).....(A) 1:45
Baseball (B JV2) GDVERNDR DUMMER.....(H) 2:00
Baseball (B V) Deerfield (DH).....(A) 1:45
Crew (B V) TABDR/EXETER.....(H) 3:00
Crew (G V) TABDR/EXETER.....(H) 3:00
Golf (V) GDA/Exeter.....(A) 2:00

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| Lacrosse (B JV2) | LOOMIS/CHAFFEE.....(H) | 2:30 |
| Lacrosse (B V) | K.U.A.....(H) | 2:30 |
| Lacrosse (G JV1) | LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H) | 4:00 |
| Lacrosse (G JV2) | LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H) | 2:30 |
| Lacrosse (G V) | LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H) | 2:30 |
| Softball (G V) | Deerfield/Stonleigh.....(A) | 1:45 |
| Tennis (B JV) | PINGREE.....(H) | 3:00 |
| Tennis (B V) | CHOATE.....(H) | 1:00 |
| Tennis (B VB) | CHOATE.....(H) | 1:00 |
| Tennis (G V) | LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H) | 2:30 |
| Track & Field (B JV) | LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H) | 3:00 |
| Track & Field (B V) | LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H) | 3:00 |
| Track & Field (G JV) | LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H) | 3:00 |
| Track & Field (G V) | LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H) | 3:00 |
| Volleyball (B JV) | Choate.....(A) | 2:30 |
| Volleyball (B V) | Choate.....(A) | 2:30 |

SUNDAY, MAY 13

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| Cycling Team | Littleton MA.....(A) | 10:00 |
| Ultimate | Oualifier.....(A) | 9:00 |

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

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| Baseball (B JV1) | Xaverian.....(A) | 3:30 |
| Baseball (B JV2) | EXETER.....(H) | 2:30 |
| Baseball (B V) | TABOR.....(H) | 3:00 |
| Golf (V) | RIVERS.....(H) | 3:00 |
| Lacrosse (B JV1) | St. Paul's.....(A) | 3:15 |
| Lacrosse (B JV2) | MASCONOMET.....(H) | 3:45 |
| Lacrosse (B V) | St. Paul's.....(A) | 3:15 |
| Lacrosse (G JV1) | Winsor.....(A) | 4:30 |
| Lacrosse (G JV2) | Oana Hall.....(A) | 3:30 |
| Lacrosse (G V) | Winsor.....(A) | 3:15 |
| Softball (G JV) | PRESENTATION OF MARY.....(H) | 3:30 |
| Softball (G V) | PRESENTATION OF MARY.....(H) | 3:30 |
| Tennis (B JV) | FESSENDEN.....(H) | 3:15 |
| Tennis (B V) | St. John's.....(A) | 3:15 |
| Tennis (G JV) | Brooks.....(A) | 1:45 |
| Tennis (G V) | Noble & Greenough.....(A) | 3:00 |
| Tennis (G VB) | NOBLE & GREENOUGH.....(H) | 3:00 |
| Ultimate | NEWTON SOUTH.....(H) | 3:30 |

FRIDAY, MAY 18

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| Lacrosse (G JV2) | ANDOVER HIGH.....(H) | 3:45 |
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SATURDAY, MAY 19

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| Baseball (B JV1) | LOWELL VOCATIONAL HIGH.....(H) | 3:30 |
| Baseball (B JV2) | BROOKS.....(H) | 1:30 |
| Baseball (B V) | Tournament (Holy Cross).....(A) | 9:00 |
| Crew (B V) | N.M.H.....(A) | 1:30 |
| Crew (G V) | N.M.H.....(A) | 1:30 |
| Golf (V) | Exeter/GOA.....(A) | 2:00 |
| Lacrosse (B JV1) | TABOR.....(H) | 1:00 |
| Lacrosse (B JV2) | Proctor.....(A) | 2:00 |
| Lacrosse (B V) | TABOR.....(H) | 1:00 |
| Lacrosse (G V) | Tournament.....(A) | 9:00 |
| Softball (G JV) | NORTH READING.....(H) | 11:00 |

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| Tennis (B JV) | Cushing.....(A) | 2:00 |
| Tennis (B V) | Tournament.....(A) | 9:30 |
| Tennis (B VB) | Cushing.....(A) | 2:00 |
| Tennis (G JV) | GOVERNOR OUMMER.....(H) | 12:00 |
| Tennis (G V) | THAYER.....(H) | 12:30 |
| Tennis (G VB) | GOVERNOR OUMMER.....(H) | 12:00 |
| Track & Field (B V) | Interscholastics.....(A) | 10:00 |
| Track & Field (G V) | Interscholastics.....(A) | 10:00 |
| Volleyball (B JV) | N.M.H.....(H) | 1:00 |
| Volleyball (B V) | N.M.H.....(H) | 1:00 |

SUNDAY, MAY 20

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| Ultimate | Championship.....(A) | 9:00 |
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

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| Baseball (B JV1) | ANOOVER HIGH SCHOOL.....(H) | 3:15 |
| Lacrosse (B JV1) | CHELMSFORD.....(H) | 3:15 |
| Lacrosse (B JV2) | Pinkerton.....(A) | 3:30 |
| Lacrosse (B V) | ST. MARK'S.....(H) | 3:15 |
| Lacrosse (G JV1) | GROTON.....(H) | 3:15 |
| Lacrosse (G JV2) | MILTON.....(H) | 3:15 |
| Lacrosse (G V) | GROTON.....(H) | 3:15 |
| Tennis (B JV) | Exeter.....(A) | 2:30 |
| Tennis (B V) | Exeter.....(A) | 2:30 |
| Tennis (B VB) | Exeter.....(A) | 2:30 |
| Tennis (G JV) | EXETER.....(H) | 2:30 |
| Tennis (G V) | EXETER.....(H) | 2:30 |
| Tennis (G VB) | EXETER.....(H) | 2:30 |
| Ultimate | Exeter.....(A) | 3:15 |
| Volleyball (B V) | ANOOVER HS (SCRIMMAGE).....(H) | 3:30 |

FRIDAY, MAY 25

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| Lacrosse (G V) | Exeter.....(A) | 7:00 |
| Softball (G V) | ST. PAUL'S.....(H) | 4:00 |

SATURDAY, MAY 26

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| Baseball (B JV2) | Exeter.....(A) | 2:00 |
| Baseball (B V) | Exeter.....(A) | 2:00 |
| Baseball (B V Alumni) | Alumni.....(A) | 10:30 |
| Crew (B V) | Interscholastics.....(A) | 10:00 |
| Crew (G V) | Interscholastics.....(A) | 8:00 |
| Lacrosse (B JV1) | Exeter.....(A) | 2:30 |
| Lacrosse (B V) | Exeter.....(A) | 3:00 |
| Lacrosse (B V Alumni) | Alumni.....(A) | 11:00 |
| Lacrosse (G JV1) | Exeter.....(A) | 2:30 |
| Softball (G V) | Exeter.....(A) | 1:30 |
| Tennis (B V) | Tournament.....(A) | 12:00 |
| Tennis (G V) | NEPSAC.....(A) | 9:30 |
| Track & Field (B JV) | EXETER.....(H) | 2:00 |
| Track & Field (B V) | EXETER.....(H) | 2:00 |
| Track & Field (G JV) | EXETER.....(H) | 2:00 |
| Track & Field (G V) | EXETER.....(H) | 2:00 |
| Volleyball (B JV) | Choate Tourney.....(A) | 1:30 |
| Volleyball (B V) | Choate Tourney.....(A) | 1:30 |

CAPTAINS AND COACHES

BASEBALL

Ben Chang, Ted Jutras, Captains
Andy Cline, Coach

BOYS' CREW

Spencer Washburn, Captain
Peter Washburn, Coach

GIRLS' CREW

Emily Thornton, Captain
Kathryn Green, Coach

CYCLING

Jessica Watson, Captain
Oerek Williams, Coach

GOLF

Jeremiah O'Neill, Captain
Nat Smith, Coach

BOYS' LACROSSE

Issac Taylor, Captain
Paul Kalkstein, Coach

GIRLS' LACROSSE

Lauren Anneberg, Captain
Kate Oolan, Coach

SOFTBALL

Karen Friedlander, Erica Hubbard, Captains
Karen Kennedy, Coach

BOYS' TENNIS

Matthew Oougherty, Captain
Tom Hodgson, Coach

GIRLS' TENNIS

Frances Ritchie, Captain
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BOYS' TRACK

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Alexandra Zuckerman, Captain
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Spring 2001 Final Records

Six New England Champions

| <u>Team</u> | <u>Record</u> | |
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| Baseball V | 12 - 6 | Thomas Blackburn Tournament Champions! |
| Baseball JV1 | 7 - 3- 1 | (2 scores unreported) |
| Baseball JV2 | 1 - 4 | (4 scores unreported) |
| Crew BV | | Third at Interschols out of 18 schools |
| Crew GV | | Second at Interschols out of 18 schools |
| Cycling B | | Individual results available on the website |
| Cycling G | | Won New England Championship! |
| Golf | 6 - 7 | Repeat winner of the Lovell Cup |
| Lacrosse BV | 5 - 9 | |
| Lacrosse BJV1 | 4 - 7-1 | |
| Lacrosse BJV2 | 3 - 6 | |
| Lacrosse GV | 12 - 3 | EIL Tourney Champions! |
| Lacrosse GJV1 | 7 - 3 | (2 scores unreported) |
| Lacrosse GJV2 | 7 - 2 | |
| Softball V | 14 - 2 | NMH New England Tournament Champions! |
| Softball JV | 2 - 1 | |
| Tennis BV | 6 - 7 | |
| Tennis BVB | 3 - 4 | (2 scores unreported) |
| Tennis BJV | 1 - 5 | |
| Tennis GV | 4 - 8 | |
| Tennis GVB | 4 - 4 | (2 scores unreported) |
| Tennis GJV | 1 - 4 | (1 score unreported) |
| Track & Field BV | 9 - 1 | Interschols NEPSTA Champions! |
| Track & Field GV | 10 - 0 | Interschols NEPSTA - Repeat Champions!) |
| Volleyball BV | 4 - 3 | |

Unreported scores MAY be of cancelled contests

SPORT: Baseball

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Ben Chang

MANAGER: Lauren Nickerson, Kerri-Ann Rowe

COACH: Andy Cline

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH: Tom McGraw, Hal Struges

SEASON RECORD

WON 12 **LOST** 6 **TIED** 0

Letter Winners

Brennan, James F.
Chang, Benjamin S.
Chiozzi, Paul V.
Fox, Martin K.
Frisch, David M.
Glenn, Peter A.
Jutras, Theodore C.
Linnemann, Roger P.

Murphy, Kyle P.
Nyadjroh, Adjatay S.
O'Rourke, Thomas B.
Rowe, Kerri-Ann Y.
Salini, Andrew J.
Smotherman, Zachary L.
Walter, William B.

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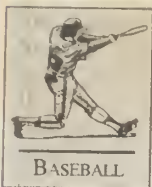
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| 9 | James Brennan | INF | '01 | 6'0" | 185 | R/R | Dracut, MA |
| 11 | Ben Chang | C, OF | '02 | 5'11" | 175 | R/R | Chicago, IL |
| 8 | Paul Chiozzi | C, OF | '03 | 5'9" | 170 | R/R | Andover, MA |
| 21 | Zak DeOssie | C, OF | '03 | 6'4" | 195 | R/R | No. Andover, MA |
| 10 | Martin Fox | P, OF | '01 | 5'11" | 170 | R/R | So. Kingstown, RI |
| 7 | David Frisch | P, INF | '02 | 5'9" | 150 | R/R | Marblehead, MA |
| 18 | Peter Glenn | P, OF | '02 | 6'3" | 190 | R/R | Houston, TX |
| 13 | Ted Jutras | INF | '01 | 6'2" | 170 | R/R | Wellesley, MA |
| 22 | Pat Linnemann | OF | '02 | 6'0" | 170 | L/L | Andover, MA |
| 33 | Kyle Murphy | INF | '03 | 5'6" | 175 | R/R | Plymouth, MA |
| 1 | Adjatay Nyadjroh | OF | '03 | 6'1" | 185 | R/R | Somerville, MA |
| 14 | Tom O'Rourke | P, 1B | '02 | 6'4" | 215 | L/L | Reading, MA |
| 45 | Andy Salini | P, OF | '02 | 6'3" | 200 | L/L | Andover, MA |
| 16 | Zack Smotherman | P, 1B | '02 | 6'2" | 200 | L/L | Westboro, MA |
| 2 | William Walter | P, INF | '03 | 5'10" | 150 | R/R | Andover, MA |

Big Blue Baseball Brings Win Home

by Will Heidrich and Ross Perlin
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

**Andover
W & M**

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A lot to a little, the guys on the varsity baseball might have told you, with characteristic modesty. Try 22-5. That was the score last Saturday

when the boys in Blue brought their bats, and, if less publicly, their gloves to Wilbraham & Monson.

As for Wednesday's game, a Weather Channel bonanza of a snow-dusting brought a postponement of the face-off against defending league champ Cushing. The game was accordingly slated for yesterday afternoon, with Zach Smotherman '02 set to take the mound for his second start of the season.

In last weekend's early morning game, however, the Big Blue lost no time in jumping out to an early lead, while taking advantage of two errors by the W&M catcher who allowed Adjatay Nyadjroh '03 to score—for his first of four runs on the day—and scrappy base-runner Dave Frisch '02 to sail over to second base. Driving Frisch home later in the inning was Andy Salini '02, whose RBI groundball put PA up 2-0.

Determined right-hander Martin Fox '01 preserved the lead with steady pitching, shutting W&M down not only with firepower, but also with the help of solid defense out in the field. "We were much better in the field than we were against Tabor," commented Head Coach Andy Cline afterwards — an opinion corroborated by the stats: Andover cut its number of errors from four to two. W&M committed 13.

Sweet-swinging Kyle Murphy '03 led off well in the second with a single up the middle. Advancing to second on a third wild pitch from W&M's ruffled starter, Murphy crossed home on a long shot to center by co-captain Ben Chang '02. A little later, Nyadjroh, who manages to do good things at the plate even when he's not smacking one of his trademark line drives, grounded out to the shortstop to bring home Zack DeOssie '03. An RBI single by Frisch extended the lead to five.

Once again, Fox didn't give the W&M batters a chance, retiring the bottom and top of the opposing order with equal calm for two consecutive one-two-three innings. In the third, it was all Andover at the plate and Fox at the mound. Co-Captain Ted Jutras '01 singled to right, and an error at first base followed, leaving Jutras at second and Murphy on first.

A few batters later, DeOssie ripped a single to center that brought home Jutras and Murphy in addition to moving Chang, who had been walked, to third. Leadoff man Nyadjroh stepped up to belt a single to left center. This brought Chang home. Keeping the parade going, a sacrifice fly by Frisch drove in DeOssie for Andover's ninth run.

Now, you may think that every schoolboy knows that you don't walk Smotherman to get to Salini—but at least one W&M hurler didn't know, and paid the price for his ignorance. Making Saturday's contest the third in a row in which he has homered, Salini took advantage of the loaded bases by smacking the offering from the mound beyond anyone's reach. The blast capped a seven-run inning for the Blue in which everyone batted.

On the heels of Fox's continuing shutout, Andover kept their bats ringing in the fourth, scoring five more times. It started off with back-to-back walks of Murphy and Chang, an RBI single by DeOssie, and another Linnemann single to left field. A pitcher's error then set up back-to-back-to-back RBI's for Nyadjroh, Will Walter '03, and Smotherman. "We hit the ball well and capitalized on poor fielding," commented Assistant Coach Tom McGraw matter-of-factly.

In the bottom of the fourth, Fox's last inning pitched, the W&M shortstop finally put his team on the scoreboard with an RBI single that ruined Fox's hope of a scoreless game.

Still, the Blue bats could not be silenced in the fifth, although errors plagued the W&M defense more than anything else did. Nyadjroh grounded out with the bases loaded, but Murphy found his way home to extend the lead back to 17. Walter picked up an RBI by driving in Tom O'Rourke '02, before a Jutras hit did likewise for DeOssie.

With 20 runs behind him, Tom O'Rourke had reason to feel comfortable when he came in to relieve Fox in the fifth. "We're at a point in the season when nobody's going to pitch a complete game," said Coach Cline, who has been able to use all five pitchers in his rotation over the last two games.

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The tall lefty walked his first batter, and gave up a single to the third, setting up a 2-RBI triple for W&M's catcher, who finally made up for his own early jitters behind the plate. He would score on the next at-bat when Pete Glenn '02 committed an error in the outfield, but O'Rourke ended the brief shot of pain by finishing the inning with a second strikeout.

Frisch closed out the game promptly in the seventh, defending what had mushroomed into a 22-5 lead.

In addition to W&M's problems in the field and Andover's aggressiveness at the plate, Andover's pitching made much of the difference, rebounding strongly after yielding seven runs and nine walks the previous Wednesday. "Martin Fox pitched a gem," commented second-baseman Will Walter.

"We hit very well and won easily, but it's only going to get tougher from here," said Co-captain Jutras. The veteran shortstop could be right too, as the Big Blue goes on to face Worcester tomorrow and a Harvard squad on

Wednesday. "Worcester is going to be a competitive team," remarked Coach Cline. "The Worcester double-header will tell us a lot more about who we are."

ANDOVER 22, WILBRAHAM 5

| ANDOVER | AB | H | R | RBI | BB |
|----------------|----|---|---|-----|----|
| Nyadroh, cf | 6 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| Frisch, 2b | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Smotherman, 1b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Salini, rf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Jutras, ss | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Murphy, 3b | 4 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Chang, c | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| DeOssie, dh | 5 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| Linnemann, lf | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Fox, p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Walter, 2b | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Glenn, lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| O'Rourke, p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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|--------|----|----|----|----|---|
| Totals | 41 | 18 | 22 | 19 | 8 |
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WILBRAHAM

| | | | | | |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gallagher, rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Keene, c | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Reese, lf | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Zaidel, p | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Polek, ss | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Scrivner, 1b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vesey, cf | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Webb, 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Koscinke, 2b | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Lincoln, rf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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|--------|----|---|---|---|---|
| Totals | 27 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 2 |
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|-----------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| Andover | 237 | 530 | 2-- | 22 | 18 | 2 |
| Wilbraham | 000 | 140 | 0-- | 5 | 7 | 13 |

3B- 1 (W&M) (Keene). 2B- 2 (PA) (Murphy)
HR- 1 (PA) (Salini). SB- 2 (PA) (Nyadroh).

| Andover | IP | R | ER | H | K | BB | ERA |
|-------------|----|---|----|---|---|----|------|
| Fox (W 1-0) | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1.50 |
| O'Rourke | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 7.00 |
| Frisch | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Totals | 7 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 2 | - |

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Zak DeOssie '03 went 2-5 with 3 RBI's in Saturday's 22-5 victory over Wilbraham.

Courtesy of Steve DeOssie

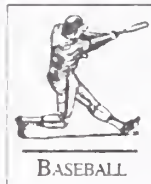
BASEBALL FALLS TO 1-2 ON WEEK:

RECORD SLIPS TO 3-3

O'Rourke, Smotherman,
Salini Contribute With
Home Runs

by Will Heidrich and Ross Perlin
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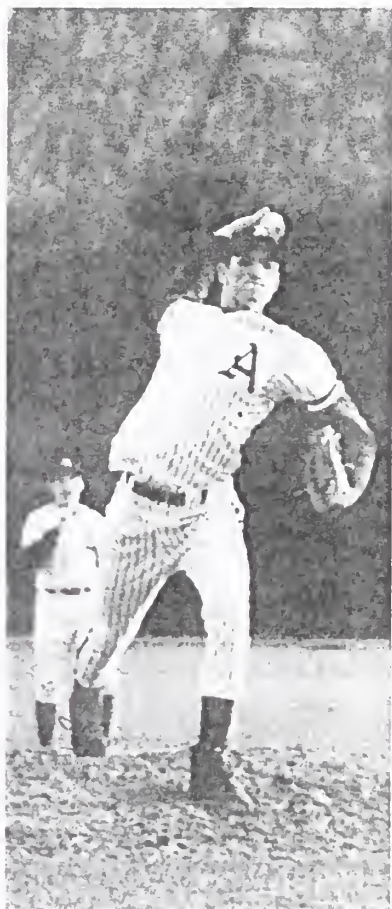
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| Andover | 3 |
| Worcester | 1 |
| Worcester | 13 |
| Andover | 9 |
| Harvard | 3 |
| Andover | 2 |



A typical baseball, worn down at the seams and a little dusty, rested in the middle of a fake, wooden home plate in the Andover dugout

last Wednesday. Head Coach Andy Cline, who was sizing up his Harvard JV opponents, took note: "This is symbolic." Next to him, southpaw Zack Smotherman '02, who start off the contest by throwing two innings of scoreless, one-hit ball, was there to clarify. "It's more like here," he said, moving the ball first to the inside, then the outside corner, "or here."

Precisely that ability of Andover's hurlers to paint the corners and throw an array of tough pitches has been keeping the Blue in ballgames. The best example came in the first game of a double-header against Worcester last Saturday, when righthander Martin Fox '01 fanned five and walked only



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Pete Glenn '02

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one, yielding three hits and one run in six nearly flawless innings. On the strength of back-to-back roundtrippers by Smotherman and Andy Salini '02, the team squeaked by to win 3-1.

By the same token, however, when the pitching went, so did everything else. A case in point was in the second game of the double-header, when Salini, in his first start of the season, buried himself by giving up eight walks – that helped produce 10 runs – in the first two innings. After the dust had cleared, Andover had fallen 13-9. On the week, the team went 1-3, falling to the .500 mark on the season with a record of 3-3 and a league record of 3-2.

More the norm this week than the second Worcester game was a dogfight on Wednesday in Cambridge which the Blue lost 3-2. "We had some tough luck," Coach Cline said afterwards – and indeed, Andover made fewer errors in the field and had seven hits against Harvard's three. Timing was crucial, as, for instance, when Harvard innings each put one run on the board, courtesy in the fifth of three singles in a row, capped by one from Tom O'Rourke '02 that drove a runner in; and in the sixth by a clutch single from Kyle Murphy '03 that scored Salini. "We're still a young team," said Assistant Coach Hale Sturges afterwards, with cautious optimism. "We don't have that much game experience but with each game, we seem to be getting better and better."

Last Saturday featured a similar pitchers' duel between Fox and Worcester's own star hurler. "He pitched a gem!" commented fellow-pitcher Will Walter '03 of Fox, who gave up his only run in the first inning on a double by Worcester's catcher Joshua Topp. Through five innings, the two pitchers went back and forth, yielding a combined three hits and no walks through five innings.

The breakthrough rally started with a Dave Frisch '02 single to right, who then came home on a Smotherman blast to left-center. But the bleeding wasn't over yet – Salini made sure the Worcester faithful knew it was Andover' game, with his own rocket to deep left-center. "Zach's inspired it," said the ecstatic Salini. "It was really disappointing to lose this one so late – I thought we had it," concluded the dejected Worcester coach afterwards.

Game two was quite different from its predecessor. In the first two innings, Worcester scoring ten runs, mostly on walks, to take its full revenge on Salini. "We walked the ballpark," commented Coach Cline. One bright light in the loss was the debut of catcher Paul Chiozzi '03, who came up from JV to go 2 for 3 and score three times, in light of Zak DeOssie's '03 broken wrist. The bullpen, at least, held firm as Pete Glenn '02 and Dave Frisch '02 put together four solid innings between them.

Also memorable was O'Rourke coming off the bench to crush a 1-0 pitch to deep center and into the streets of Worcester in the top of the seventh. "It was so smooth and a perfect swing," said an impressed Salini.

Last Thursday, making up for a snow-postponed game, the Big Blue lost another tough one to defending league champ Cushing, who boasted what Murphy called "probably the best pitcher I have ever faced." The hurler threw seven shutout innings, gave up just four hits, and "didn't even throw a curveball until the fourth," commented Assistant Coach Sturges.

Cushing also did well at the plate, taking advantage of mediocre Blue pitching. Cushing only had five hits, but they had them at the right time and

they exploited Andover's weakness – the yielding of eight walks. Even when Andover had runners on base, the team couldn't capitalize, and it wasn't until the bottom of the fifth when they had a runner in scoring position, but a grounder from Co-captain Ben Chang '02 led to a double-play: the Big Blue stayed scoreless.

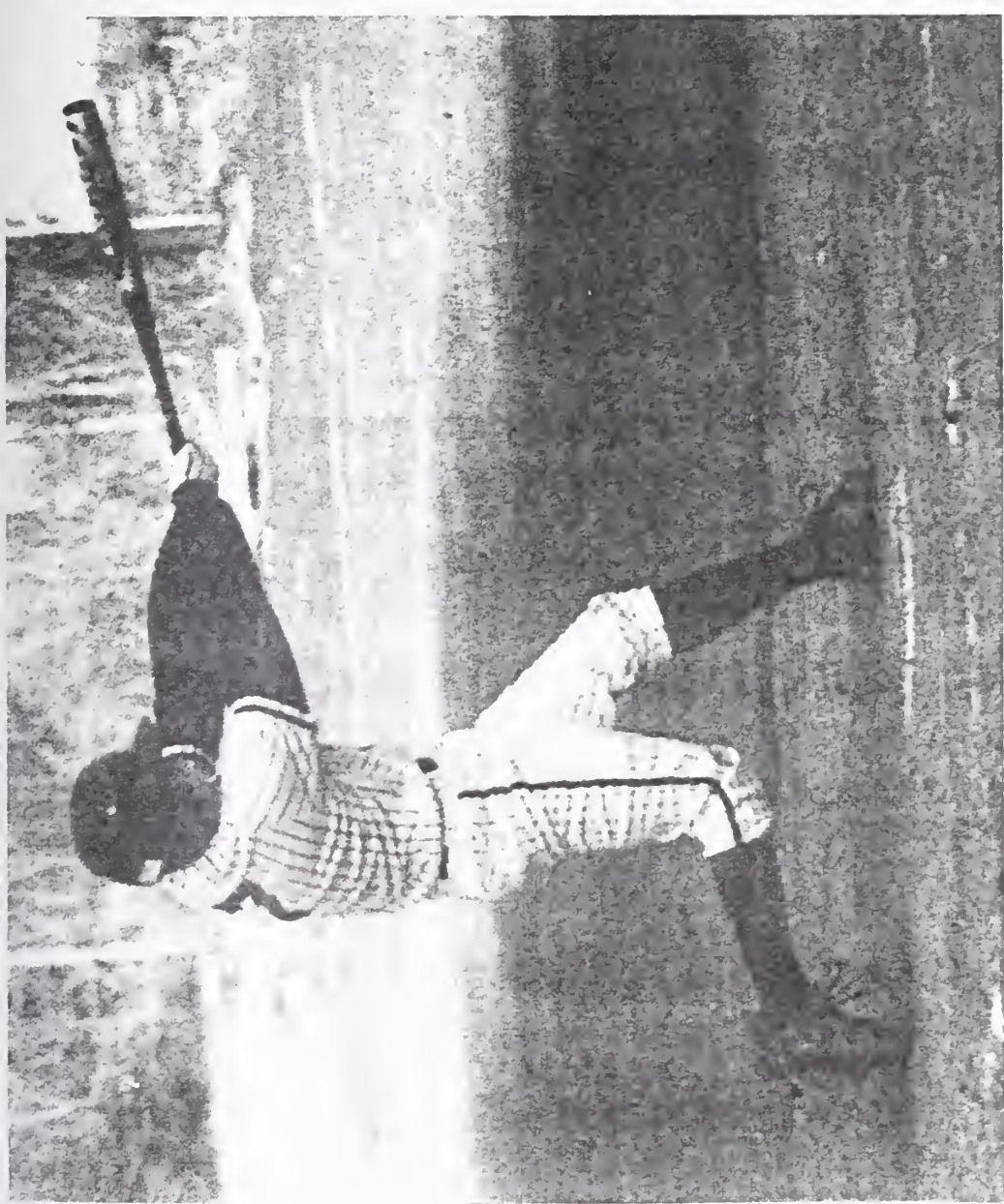
"I got a lot of help from my infield," commented Cushing's ace. From where Coach Cline he was sitting, though, the menace was still largely on the mound: "We faced a tremendous pitcher today, but I liked out effort and the way we reacted."

BASEBALL STANDINGS



| | League | Overall |
|-----------|--------|---------|
| | W-L | W-L |
| NMH | 2-0 | 3-1 |
| Exeter | 4-1 | 4-2 |
| Cushing | 4-1 | 5-2 |
| Andover | 3-3 | 3-3 |
| Tabor | 4-3 | 4-3 |
| Worcester | 2-4 | 2-5 |
| Deerfield | 1-3 | 2-4 |
| Wilbraham | 0-5 | 0-6 |

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An Andover baseball player snacks one into left field against Worcester. Despite a devastating second-game loss, attributed to the team's growing pains, Andover expects great results later in the season.

Outscoring Opponents 45-8, Baseball Goes 3-0 for the Week

by Will Heidrich and Ross Perlin

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| | |
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| Andover | 14 |
| NMH | 1 |

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| Andover | 14 |
| NMH | 3 |

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| Andover | 17 |
| W&M | 4 |



A little on the young side... Bats a little quiet, like last year... Nobody dominating on the mound — these have been

just a few of the early critiques of PA's Varsity Baseball squad that have been silenced in the past week. With quiet grace and solid, team fundamentals, Andover marched into first place in its league, picked up three overwhelming victories, and outscored its opponents 45-8.

Last Wednesday, last-place Wilbraham & Monson came to

Andover to avenge an embarrassing 22-5 loss from earlier in the year. Fresh off two 14-1 and 14-3 victories over NMH, the Big Blue were in no mood to rest on previous laurels, however, as they handed their guests a 17-4 shellacking. Now that the dust has cleared, Andover is 6-3, boasting a three-game stretch during which they have scored 14 runs or more and allowed fewer than four runs against them in each game.

W&M's pitching weaknesses were evident early: by the third inning, the score was 13-0, Andover. Clean-up man Andy Salini '02 kept his homer barrage on track, smacking his fourth of the season over the head of W&M's hapless rightfielder. Eleven of Andover's 14 batters scored, and Blue pitching was almost untouchable: Zack Smotherman '02 threw five scoreless, pitch-perfect innings. The

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Boys Baseball Slides Into First Place in League; Triple Victory Dispels Early 'Too Young' Criticism

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opposition did show some signs of life in the sixth against reliever Tom O'Rourke '02, but four runs proved too little too late to defeat Andover's bats.

In the first game of last Saturday's home doubleheader against NMH, fielding – and a third stellar start from Martin Fox '01 that put his record at 3-0 – made all the difference. Throwing hard but staying on the mound for six innings and some 85 pitches, Fox let NMH hit the ball, and his defense did the rest. As early as the second inning, third-baseman Kyle Murphy '03, fresh from a 3-RBI triple the half-inning before, dove successfully for a seemingly unreachable foul pop-up and set the tone.

The Murphy triple wasn't the only piece of power-hitting Andover unleashed against NMH right-hander Peter Jaeckle: in an otherwise uneventful bottom of the second, lead-off hitter Adjatay Nyadroh '03 broke out of a three-game hitting slump with a solo home run far over the head of NMH left-fielder Vincent Buoniconti. Small rallies in the third and sixth innings sealed Andover's commanding lead, even as two new NMH hurlers tried to cool the Blue bats.

Seven errors from NMH proved particularly costly as well, particularly when Pat Linnemann '02 hit a fire-cracker out to left-field with the bases loaded in the sixth. After injuring the left-fielder on the hop, the magic ball slipped out of the shortstop's hands on the relay, allowing Linnemann to follow Murphy, Chang, and Chiozzi across the plate and upping the lead to 14-1.

Inning for inning, Andover put at least one run on the board and, out in the field, played its most alert game of baseball yet. It wasn't so much that NMH lacked baseball fundamentals: Andover simply stepped out in front and took the psychological edge.

The second half of the doubleheader proved not to be too different, although this time Andover had the support of its "Super Fans" and the largest crowd Phelps Park has seen all year, as the team steamrolled over NMH for a 14-3 win.

Righthander Dave Frisch '02 pitched a nearly perfect game, going six innings, throwing 67 pitches, walking two, striking out six, and allowing just three runs. The Big Blue bats were once again on fire as well, led by a roundtripper from Salini and three runs scored by Nyadjroh.

NMH, on the other hand, had another rough game both at the plate and on the mound. Their pitchers surrendered 14 runs for the second time and gave up 11 hits, while their offensive support remained meager: NMH hitters only connected three times for their three runs.

"There are no excuses to make," concluded NMH's coach afterwards. "We couldn't score, we left 12 guys on base." Indeed, two early innings when NMH left the bases loaded had been a crucial indicator in Game 1.

NMH's play contrasted strongly with the way their team, stocked with 12 postgraduates, had played during the week prior, play that had propelled them to a 3-0 league record and first place in the Central New England Prep School Baseball League of which they and Andover are a part.

It wasn't the stats that lost it for



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Adjatay Nyadjroh '03 beats out a ground ball in Wednesday's drubbing of Wilbraham & Monson.

them, though; it was a series of mishaps and poor decisions. Take one example that had the "Super Fans" in stitches: NMH centerfielder Pat Vincent catches a deep fly ball hit by co-captain Ben Chang '02 for what Vincent thinks is the third out. He turns to the Andover fans to taunt them with the ball he has just caught and begins to jog in to bat. Realizing that it's actually only the second out, how-

ever, Salini tags up from second and laughs his way home to extend the Blue lead.

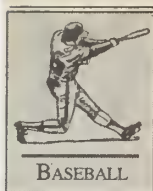
Promising to provide a fresh challenge this weekend is Exeter, the Blue's strong archrival. The annual doubleheader showdown, where PA will show whether this week's championship-style ball is here to stay, is set for tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 p.m.



Big Blue Baseball Slugs Cushing For League Title

by Ross Perlin, Will Heidrich, and
Pat Linnemann

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He didn't even give them a chance. Ten pitches into the Washburn Memorial semi-final game against Tabor and

only one into his own at-bat, Andy Salini '02 crushed a shot that fought the wind and wouldn't fall. Tabor pitcher Paul Pita's jaw dropped along with everyone else's as the ball cleared the 421 ft. fence on the neutral Holy Cross field. From then on, the game and the tournament were in Andover's hands, and the Big Blue's grip only got tighter.

Even the Cushing Penguins — 12-2 entering the game, with two of those wins against Andover — could do little more than look on as the Blue marched to their first league championship since 1998. First, it was the bats that counted, as Andover gave senior ace Martin Fox the runs he needed for a 9-3 shellacking of Tabor. Then, in the finals, with nearly flawless defense behind him, right-hander Dave Frisch '02 delivered to Cushing their first shutout of the season in a 5-0 win that sealed the season, and entered the history books.

"You either pitch to get into the final, or expect to get there, and use your ace then," commented assistant coach Hale Sturges. Little did Cushing know that Dave Frisch was waiting for them. "My hat goes off to him, he pitched a great game!" concluded the dejected Cushing coach.

A father and son stood away from the pile-up on top of Frisch afterwards, and experienced a different joy. This spring marked the fifth season that bat-boy Jack McGraw, son of Assistant Coach Tom McGraw, was part of the team, and he is on record, it seems, as the most devoted bat-boy in the history of the league.

"I'm so proud of my son Jack, the boys, and the kind of coaching staff we have. We're a unique group of guys and it came together well in the championship," concluded Coach McGraw. With only the traditional Exeter double-header left to play, the Big Blue had proven themselves the champions of the Central New England Prep School Baseball League, finishing with an 11-5 league record and several individual accolades.

Co-captain catcher Ben Chang '02, hurler and second baseman Frisch, and third baseman slugger Kyle Murphy

'03, were all named to the league All-Star team. More than earning his cleanup slot, Salini led the league in both the home run and RBI categories, with 9 and 18 respectively. And, as no season is complete without its comeback story, senior James Brennan burst out of his neck brace and into the lineup mid-season, just in time to turn in a crucial Carlton Fisk-like 7-7 batting performance in the tournament.

As baseball is often called a game of numbers, here are a few that no high school ball team would shrug at. **5:** the number of doubles hit by Murphy and walks yielded by Frisch in 24 innings; **16:** bases stolen by lead-off man Adjatay Nyadroh '03; **14:** singles roped by co-captain Chang; **3:** errors made by the outfield over the last 11 games. **4:** come-from-behind victories.

"I think the overall outlook of the team was a lot better," commented Ted Jutras '01, comparing the team to last year's 6-8 club, "and the kids on the team obviously thought we could win.... We picked each other up when people started making mistakes."

Chang agreed, "This year's team was a lot closer, a tighter-knit group. I think everyone liked everyone else on the team." In terms of work ethic before, after, and during practice, Chang also liked what he saw from his perch behind the plate, "I also think this team worked a lot harder than last year's team."

Head coach Andy Cline said of this spring's squad: "I think that they're a team that had a terrific spirit and put a lot of hard work into the season. We had some ups and downs...but when it came time to step up in a really big situation, that's exactly what they did, and I'm really proud of them for what they accomplished."

In terms of the critical index of pitching, Andover's three starters worked hard and battled well — Fox proved staunchly dependable, with a 5-1 record and a 3.35 ERA; Frisch blazed a fiery trail, racking up a spectacular 1.30 ERA on a 4-0 season; and Zack Smotherman, despite control problems, ended at 2-2. "We had really good pitching consistently from our starters," said Jutras, "and the relief guys did a lot to help on that."

At the plate, Andover had more going for it than Salini's powerhitting and Murphy's slugging percentage. Across the board, the Blue hitters were aggressive but not overly so; Chang and Murphy led the way at .425 and .413, respectively.

The Big Blue had a long way to go at the start of the season. A young team

without much time to hit its stride in April, Andover came out on the losing end of tough games against Worcester (9-13), Harvard JV (2-3), and Cushing (0-6).

Three strong victories — a 22-5 blowout against Wilbraham & Monson, and two tighter wins vs. Tabor (13-7) and Worcester (3-1) — balanced the record and provided hope that the team could show its stuff against one of the top league teams. "When it rained for is, it poured. But when it didn't, we just couldn't find ways to win," concluded Murphy.

When, midway through the season, Andover brought its 3-3 record up against league-leading NMH in Phelps Park, everything suddenly began to click. Fox took the mound for game one and made Northfield batsmen pay with his intelligent, tenacious pitching. Result: a blowout 14-1 win, with enough momentum to carry the team to a 14-3 victory in game two.

The next week found Andover continuing its five-game homestead and win streak with all-around spectacular baseball. Right on the heels of a 17-4 manhandling of Wilbraham came a crucial home double-header against Exeter. Frisch proved to be key, going 7-7 on the day and yielding only four hits and one run while pitching in the second game. The defense behind him was flawless and the bats were alive in a 6-1 win. Game one had been a steadily played 9-6 dogfight, with Fox picking up his fourth win on the season.

Soon the Blue returned to earlier doldrums and lost three of their next four games — one to Cushing (10-2) and Tabor (10-1) each, and splitting a double-header at Deerfield with a 9-7 loss and a gutsy 7-6 win. For Jutras, at least, a final shutdown by Frisch in the seventh came as a moment of truth: the boys "came back, stood tough, felt like we could win the game," he said. "We stood in there and didn't let go of the game."

At 9-5 on the season, then, number three seed Andover prepared to take revenge on the Tabor squad who had bested them only four

days earlier. And the boys in Blue really did give Tabor an opportunity to take the game that Saturday morning. About 10 pitches.

With the championship under the belt Andover had only one final goal to accomplish. They squared off the following Saturday against arch-rival Exeter. Andover looked to yet steal another win from Exeter. Tom O'Rourke '02 commented on the match-up. "We beat Exeter handily earlier in the season but it won't be as easy this time. They know that they have an opportunity to knock off the New England Champs and they are going to throw everything at us."

Frisch took the hill for Andover hoping to continue his dominance. Exeter was prepared to battle and jumped on top in the first inning after back to back singles led to an early 1-0 Exeter advantage. Andover bounced back in the second inning as singles by Brennan and Chang and a sacrifice fly off the bat of Nyadjroh scored the equalizer.

Andover capitalized again in the following inning when Smotherman snuck a single up the middle past the infield to score two more runs. Andover tallied an insurance run to bring the scoreboard to 4-1 in Andover's favor.


Four runs was all that Frisch needed as he cruised through the final six

innings without allowing another run. "Frisch pitched a solid game for us," commented Will Walter '03. "He used the same tactics to keep the Exeter hitter off-balance as he did against Cushing. He is not the hardest hurler in the league but he utilizes his off-speed pitches wisely and stays ahead in the count."

Andover concluded their season with another win, thanks in part to a dominating pitching performance on Frisch's behalf. "Pitching has really carried us through these final three games," commented Salini. "Coming into the season we were unsure who would be our ace. Fox and Frisch have stepped it up and played a huge role in our success."

Andover started the season with convincing wins over Tabor and Worcester. They slowed at times with close losses to Harvard and Deerfield. However, they played well down the stretch and in the tournament. Chang commented, "We had a few sloppy games during the season but really pulled together in the end. That is the biggest difference between this years and last years team. This year we made big plays and produced runs in critical situations."

With the championship team losing only three seniors, who knows what next year has in store for the Big Blue.

| BASEBALL STANDINGS | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|
|  | League | Overall |
| | W-L | W-L |
| Cushing | 12-2 | 15-3 |
| Tabor | 9-5 | 9-5 |
| Andover | 9-5 | 9-6 |
| Deerfield | 8-6 | 9-8 |
| NMH | 8-6 | 10-7 |
| Exeter | 6-8 | 7-9 |
| Worcester | 3-11 | 4-13 |
| Wilbraham | 1-13 | 2-15 |
| Finals | | |
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| 1. Cushing 9 | 1. Cushing 0 | 2. Tabor 3 |
| 4. Deerfield 6 | 3. Andover 5 | 3. Andover 9 |

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SPORT: Crew - boys

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Spencer Washburn

MANAGER:

COACH: Peter Washburn

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD.

WON _____ **LOST** _____ **TIED** _____

Letter Winners

Baldwinm, Andrew C.
Beinecke, Benjamin B.
Buschan, Bjorn
Feeny, Eric C.
Grace, Oliver R.
Green, Adam H.
Lo, Johnathan
Malcolm, Crystal E.
McKallagat, Greg P.
Panich, Evan D.

Reber, Nicholas
Sherman, Gregory I.
Sherman, Sarah D.
Steinert, Matthew A.
Ward, Andrew A.
Washburn, Spencer B.
Washburn, Taylor B.
Wylie, James D.

Crew Boys– Varsity **2000 – 2001**

| Name | Class | Hometown |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Baldwinm, Andrew C. | 2001 | Andover, MA |
| Beinecke, Benjamin B. | 2002 | New York, NY |
| Buschan, Bjorn | 2001 | Boca Raton, FL |
| Feeny, Eric C. | 2001 | Woodside, CA |
| Grace, Oliver R. | 2002 | Locust Valley, NY |
| Green, Adam H. | 2001 | Wellesley, MA |
| Lo, Johnathan | 2001 | Deep Water Bay, Hong Kong |
| Malcolm, Crystal E. | 2001 | North Salem, NH |
| McKallagat, Greg P. | 2003 | Andover, MA |
| Panich, Evan D. | 2003 | Marblehead, MA |
| Reber, Nicholas | 2002 | Weston, MA |
| Sherman, Gregory I. | 2001 | Westfield, NJ |
| Sherman, Sarah D. | 2004 | San Mateo, CA |
| Steinert, Matthew A. | 2002 | North Andover, MA |
| Ward, Andrew A. | 2002 | New Canaan, CT |
| Washburn, Spencer B. | 2001 | Andover, MA |
| Washburn, Taylor B. | 2003 | Andover, MA |
| Wylie, James D. | 2001 | Sydney, Australia |

Blue Boys Suffer Traditional Loss to Crew Stronghold Kent

by Evan Panich
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Saturday April 14th was a day of mixed emotions for the boys crew program. The two varsity boats came out with split decisions in the

contest against Kent. The Kent program is blessed with a yearly visit to Florida during spring break for a pre-season training trip, and it usually shows up in better performance. In this first race of the season, Kent exhibited an early dominance in the field of New England boys' eights. Although there were rumors of equipment problems and bad weather, Kent's first boat was still able to pull out a decisive victory.

In their usual positions in first boat were the four seniors: Spencer Washburn, Adam Green, Eric Feeny and Greg Sherman. Rounding out the line up were uppers Matt Steinert '02, Jon "J-Lo" Lo '02 and Nick Reber '02 as well as lower Taylor Washburn. B1 (boys' first boat) came to the starting blocks with an iffy week of practice behind them, and, consequently, it looked like a difficult race considering Kent's extensive preparations in Florida. Even so, the Blue boats had an excellent warm-up, and in practicing their starts before the race, were confident that they were the strongest they had been all week. When the starting

commands, "Attention, Go!" were announced, however, it was Kent that was the quickest out of the blocks. In the first 350 meters of the 1500-meter race, Kent picked up a full boat length on the Blue. It seemed that Kent had nowhere to go from there. At 500 down, Andover took a power ten to try and bring the race back even, but to no avail, as they could only take back half of the length they had lost earlier in the race. The conditions on the lake kept the ratings low, around 31-32 strokes per minute, which hindered B1's attempt to simply plow through Kent. The brisk headwind and chop was very unpredictable, making steering very difficult for coxswain Sarah Sherman '04. Said Taylor Washburn '03, "Sometime [during the middle 500] we hit some headwind that they didn't and that brought back the full boat length lead that Kent had started out with."

In the final 500, the Blue didn't move forward again. Kent sat ahead with their lead and crossed the finish line with a time of 5:26.5, seconds ahead of Andover, who crossed the line in 5:32.0. Disappointed, Nick Reber '02 shared some of his thoughts on the race: "Except for the move [at 500 down], there was no time when we really went after it. It just felt like there wasn't a whole lot of power in the boat."

The second boat's race was more successful than the first's. The Blue 2 pulled out a win in heroic fashion. The boat had been moving well all week and Coach Pete Washburn was clearly pleased with B2's performance in practice. B2's starting 5 and 15 high were the fastest it had been all week despite the headwind, clocking 41 strokes a minute on coxswain Crystal Malcolm's '01 "Cox-Box." B2 then settled to a 34, and by 200 meters down, the Blue had opened up nearly a length. Kent stayed with Andover throughout the first 500, making one serious challenge for the lead, but B2 was able to fend them off and just kept on moving. By the finish line, the Blue may have slowed to a 32, but when Andover crossed the line in 5:39.3, they pulled out a 23 second win over Kent, who crossed the line in 6:02.9.

Overall, a mixed result for the program but the team has high hopes for wins across the board tomorrow at Worcester, which always proves to be an indication of things to come.

Blue Boys Crew Glides by Salisbury in Opening Race, Ready to Rumble Against St. Paul's and Cincinnati Clubs



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After a home victory over Salisbury, the Boys' Crew team prepares to face last year's New England Champion, St. Paul's.

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| Andover 1 | 4:38.6 |
| Salisbury 1 | 4:47.4 |



Last Saturday the Andover Boys' Crew team hosted their first home race. The Merrimack River course saw two strong wins from both of the

team's Varsity boats, as well as an additional victory from the third boat.

It was apparent that when the boys from Salisbury came to the Merrimack, they were consistently outmatched by the Andover rowers. Although the Blue did not totally destroy their visitors, rowers from both varsity boats commented that none of the races were even close.

The conditions were varied over the duration of the day. There was a constant tailwind, which made for quicker races. However, at one point the wind was so strong, well over thirty miles per hour, that white caps began to surface on parts of the river.

Combined with a strong current on the Merrimack, this made for some short and sweet races. In the first boat race, Andover did not get off to their best start, with some rowers catching a bit of water on the first few strokes.

Fortunately, the Boys were not fazed, and they came out of their soggy start high, at a solid 42 strokes per minute. After those first vital strokes, the boat slowed a bit. Taking advantage, Salisbury was ahead by several seats for the first 100 meters. But when the boats reached the Rt. 93 bridge, which on Andover's home course marks 500 meters gone, the

Blue had gained enough ground to be up a half-length on Salisbury.

The Boys settled in at around a 35 and worked from that solid base. Shortly after, the Blue made their huge move.

Coming out of the bridge, one would have thought the Salisbury boat had stopped dead in the water. Carried by the experienced seniors, Andover began to gain ground and did not stop until there were two full boat lengths between them and Salisbury. Satisfied with their lead, Andover did not move to open up any more space.

The Big Blue crossed the line in a time of 4:38.6, two full boat lengths and nearly 10 seconds ahead of Salisbury's boat, which crossed the line in 4:47.4.

Clearly satisfied with the outcome of the race, Adam Green '01 said, "Once we got a big, comfortable lead,

we held them off until the finish."

Considering the weak start, the Blue had a strong finish with plenty of room to improve. The story was similar in the second boat race. A bad start due to some crabs early in the course led to B2's starting slow off the mark, despite the commanding start they had exhibited in practice the previous week.

Even so, the team brought it up to a 42 for the first twenty strokes and then settled comfortably into a 34 stroke rate. Although the Boys on the second boat characterised the start as weak, the boat got out a length in the first minute and had open water by 500 down.

Salisbury tried to make their move, however, once the boats came through the bridge, the Blue moved again and in the middle 500, they slowly but surely took another full boat length. In

the last 500 meters, Andover brought the pace back up to a 37, but by then they didn't need the extra speed. Crossing the line in 4:45.9, they were way ahead of Salisbury's 4:55.1, and even faster than Salisbury's B1 time by a second and a half. Later James Wylie '01 affirmed, "That wasn't a race, it was a decimation!"

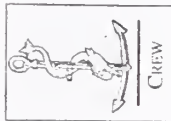
Perhaps something of an exaggeration, but both Andover boats enjoyed easy wins, and are looking forward to tomorrow's huge race against St. Paul's and the Cincinnati Junior Rowing Club.

St. Paul's was last year's New England champion and Cincinnati came in second in last year's USRowing Youth Invitational Regatta, the de facto national championship for high school crews. Tomorrow will most definitely bring fast racing and exciting results.

Seniors Washburn, Feeny, Sherman Pull Impressive Season

by Evan Panch

NEW ENGLAND SPORTS ASSOCIATE



Led by Captain Spencer Washburn '01, Andover Crew dominated most of its competition. It was not only a banner season for the first boat,

which lost only one race in its dual racing season (Kent), but the second and third boats also fared well throughout the spring. It has not been in recent memory when both varsity boats and the third boat have done this well. B1 showcased Eric Feeny '01, Greg Sherman '01, James Wyllie '01, Adam Green '01, Matt Steinert '02, Spencer Washburn '01, Nick Reber '02, Taylor Washburn '03 and coxswain Sarah Sherman '04. Coxswain Crystal Malcolm '01, Andrew Ward '02, Greg McKallagat '03, Ben Beinecke '02, Jon Lo '02, Bjorn Buschan '01, Ollie Grace '02, Andrew Baldwin '01 and Evan Panch '03 made up B2.

Saturday April 14th was a day of mixed emotions for the Boys Crew program. In this first race of the season, Kent showed its early dominance in the field of New England boys'

eights. The Kent program is annually blessed with a pre-season training trip, and usually it shows. Kent's 1st boat still was able to pull out a decisive victory. Disappointed, Nick Reber '02 shared some of his thoughts on the race. "Except for the move [at 500 down], there was no time when we really went after it. It just felt like there wasn't a whole lot of power in the boat."

During the next week at practice, Coach Peter Washburn made some switches in the lineup on B1, which moved Taylor Washburn '03 into the stroke seat. Whether it was a new-found desire to win, or the lineup switch, the Blue were able to pull out a victory at Worcester against Exeter, a victory, NMH, St. John's and Simsbury, winning by a length against both tail-chasers Exeter and St. John's. Meanwhile, the second boat fell to Exeter only by three seconds, beating the remainder of the aforementioned schools.

On Saturday, April 28, the Andover's Boys Crew team had its first home race. It was apparent that when the boys from Salsbury came, that they were outmatched by the Andover rowers. Both varsity boats won by margins of more than ten seconds.

The next week brought the Boys Crew team the most exciting race of the year, racing last year's New England Champions St. Paul's as well as national powerhouse Cincinnati Junior Rowing Center. All boats fell to Cincinnati, but the Blue made a clean sweep of the St. Paul's crews. As Coach Washburn triumphantly said after the races, "We haven't swept St. Paul's since...ever!" The crews were ecstatic with this quasi-win, and looked forward to the next week's race against Exeter and Tabor. The results were the same this week as they had been that afternoon, as B1 smashed Exeter's first boat to pieces, though B2 had a sub-par race, falling to Exeter again.

The team had arrived at the boathouse a couple hours before the race only to find the area in front of the boathouse defaced. Some rowers from the Exeter team had come to the boathouse either the night before or early that morning and had spray-painted "EXETER" on the grass in front of the boathouse. They also left a sign saying, "This is our house". And so, the Big Blue were forced to prove them wrong.

Andover's final race before the New England Championships was a race against perennial weakling

NMH. Maybe Ollie Grace '02 said it best, prior to the contest: "I don't want to judge this race by if we win, but how much we win by." However, Coach Peter Washburn warned the team not to take NMH's crews lightly, and to row this race as if it were the final at Interschols. The team needed practice in racing situations, and the NMH race was a perfect opportunity. The Blue seized the day, with the first boat winning by 21 seconds, while the second boat won by 27 seconds.

The next stop for the Blue was the long-awaited NEJRA Championships on Lake Quinsigamond at Worcester, MA, which took place on May 26th. All of the top crews in the area attended. This included rivals Kent, Exeter, St. John's and St. Paul's. All three crews went into the regatta seeded second. The first boat was seeded behind Kent, while the second boat was just behind Exeter, and the third boat was seeded directly below St. John's High School. The Blue were also in contention for the coveted points trophy that goes to the team who places the highest overall. Excitement ran high at the boathouse, and the crews hoped to ready when the entire season culminated into four and a half minutes of boat racing. As

Nick Reber '02 would say, "Boys...it's time to strap it on."

Perhaps the boys did "strap it on," but many other crews had done the same when it came time for the finals at the New England Championships, not all of the Andover crews did as well as they had hoped. Despite being seeded second, a disappointed B3 crossed the line in fourth place, only four hundredths of a second behind third place. B2 fared better rowing a hard fought race against some very fast crews. They came into the regatta only having lost to Exeter and having beaten St. Paul's by an astounding nine seconds three weeks earlier. With 1000 meters down and 500 to go, it looked as if these results would be repeated as at this point in the race Exeter led Andover with St. Paul's in third and St. John's in fourth. But miraculous bursts from Andover, St. John's and St. Paul's changed all that. First, Andover moved on Exeter coming into first place. Meanwhile, Exeter seemingly gave up as St. Paul's and St. John's both passed the Red. And then it happened. While Andover thought they had the race with 200 meters to go, the St. Paul's crew snuck up on the Blue and stole the lead. St. Paul's won the race, but Exeter finished fourth, and finished behind the Blue. Despite the loss, B2 was at least happy that by beating Exeter, they accomplished something very close to winning Interschols: they beat every school in the league.

B1, despite having a good race fell to Kent and St. John's. They pushed to the front of the pack early in the race, but St. John's made a move at 750 down which devastated the rest of the field. Though St. John's only finished second, they brought Kent with them when they made their move. Kent ended up winning, with St. John's just behind them in second while the Blue took third.

All in all, this was a very successful year for the Big Blue. For the second and third boats, this was one of the best years ever. For the first boat, they could not repeat last year's second place performance, but overall Boys' Crew had a great season, for which they deserve recognition. Varsity Coach and Peter Washburn, JV Coach Ed Quattlebaum and Novice Coach Henry Wilmer have put together some great crews, and hopefully next year the Blue can come together for an even better season in 2002.



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The Boys' Crew team saw a terrific season, sweeping powerhouse St. Paul's and taking third at the New England Championships. The second and third boats experienced one of their best years in recent history.

SPORT: Crew - girls

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Emily Thornton

MANAGER:

COACH: Kathryn Green

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD.

WON _____ **LOST** _____ **TIED** _____

Letter Winners

Bartlett, Katherine M.
Benn, Anneka K.
Blitzer, Margaret C.
Daigneault, Jessica L.
Fay, Tami L.
Frischkorn, Virginia T.
Gaughen, Kara C.
Heany, Jessica S.
Henningesen, Caitlin F.

Lind, Caroline M.
Mahler, Diana J.
Maxwell, Sarah R.
Reppert, Catherine A.
Talbot, Lindsay F.
Thornton, Emily R.
Vanecek, Jennifer M.
Weiner, Rachel E.
Welsch, Kelsey J.

Crew Girls– Varsity
2000 – 2001

| Name | Class | Hometown |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Kate Bartlett | '01 | Rancho Santa Fe, CA Varsity |
| Anneka Benn | '02 | Hanover, NH Varsity |
| Meg Blitzler | '01 | Durham, NH Varsity |
| Tami Fay | '03 | York, PA Varsity |
| Virginia Frischkorn | '02 | Charlottesville, VA Varsity |
| Kara Gaughen | '02 | Cohasset, MA Varsity |
| Caitlin Henningsen | '01 | Andover, MA Varsity |
| Caroline Lind | '02 | Greensboro, NC Varsity |
| Diana Mahler | '01 | North Andover, MA Varsity |
| Sarah Maxwell | '02 | Newton, MA Varsity |
| Vanessa Nickerson | '01 | Bethesda, MD Varsity |
| Cat Reppert | '02 | Westport Point, MA Varsity |
| Julia Saraidaridis | '01 | Reading, MA Varsity |
| Holly Schroeder | '02 | Wayland, MA Varsity |
| Lindsay Talbot | '02 | Chestnut Hill, MA Varsity |
| Emily Thornton | '01 | New Bedford, MA Varsity Captain |
| Rachel Weiner | '01 | Andover, MA Varsity |
| Kelsey Welsch | '01 | Reading, MA Varsity |

Blue Crew Rows to Victory Over Talented Kent Team; Girls Squad Undaunted by Courseless Lake Waranaug

by Elizabeth Thorndike
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



After a three and one half hour bus ride on Saturday to New Preston, CT, the girls' crew team arrived to find Kent's home course flooded and was

forced to retreat to the closest body of water, Lake Waramaug.

There were no docks in the water at the lake, and whitecaps and a strong headwind ruffled the its surface. The conditions forced the girls to wade into the water and start the races soaking wet from the knees down. Once in the water, the girls found no set course with markers. The gallant girls crew had to row 1500 meters to the finish line. None of these set-backs discouraged the Big Blue. Each boat pulled hard and Andover managed to come out on top in the first and third boat races.

Andover girls crew started off the first race of the day by jumping into an early lead. Their third boat had the advantage of a bit more experience compared to Kent's G3, and they kept building on that lead to complete the 1500-meter course about twenty-two seconds before the opposition crossed the finish line. The final times were 6:46.8 for Andover G3 and 7:08.9 for Kent.

In the second race of the day, Kent's and Andover's G2 boats seemed quite even in the beginning. The two crews swapped the lead multiple times. With about 350 meters to go, the Andover boat caught a crab and stopped dead in its tracks for about fifteen seconds. The Kent G2 crew went ahead to win the race with a time of 6:42.0. Andover crossed the line thirteen seconds later at 6:54.9. Coach Kathryn Green stated, "Catching a crab can happen, especially in rough conditions. It's not a big concern—they raced well."

The last race of the day was between the two first boats. Before the G1 race began, Green told her team that the conditions were rough and that they would have to pull as hard as they could. Caroline Lind '02 exclaimed, "It's like Booyah Grandma!" That became the phrase of the day. With "Booyah Grandma" in mind, the first boat came out with an early lead. Kent

rowed at thirty-four strokes per minute while Andover stroked at a low twenty-eight strokes per minute.

At about 1000 meters down the course, the Kent boat pulled even with G1, but the Andover crew soon took the lead again and came out with a time three seconds better than Kent's. In addition, pointing out the absence of markers on the course at Lake Waramaug, Green stated, "They started in a cove and then came out into an open lake." With the excellent steering of Caitlin Henningsen '01, G1 was able to take a straight course right to the finish line. The final times were Andover 6:08.9, Kent 6:12.1.

Captain Emily Thornton '01, stated, "We started off really quick in the

line and Kent was surprisingly slow. As they started to catch up, we rowed together and had a lot of power. We pulled through, managed to stay up on them, and we did not let them take us." She concluded by saying, "It was a really good and strong race. We need to work on some technicalities, but it was great overall."

The victory was especially sweet considering that Kent had an extra week of practice. Explains Green, "The Kent team goes down to Florida to row for a week in March."

The team left the Andover campus at 8 a.m. and did not arrive back until around 8 p.m. At the end of the day, Coach Green exclaimed, "The girls raced incredibly aggressively. They

really handled the rough water well."

The Kent meet marked the first race for the Endeavour, Andover girls crew's new boat. G1 raced in it and came out with a win. Additional motivation in the race came from the Andover parents who cheered from the sidelines. The parents supplied refreshments and contributed to the excitement of the day.

This weekend, the crew team heads off to Worcester, MA. They will race at Lake Quinsigamond—the site of Interschols as Exeter, Simsbury, Tabor, and Northfield Mount Hermon should all be there. After practicing and fine-tuning, the Blue is ready to take on these four crews.

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Girls Crew Continues Winning Streak, Placing First at Worcester Invitational

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by Elizabeth Thorndike
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



The Girls' Crew was successful again this week in all three of their races. Last Saturday, the crew traveled to Worcester, MA to compete in the Worcester Invitational, held at Lake Quinsigamond. Lake Quinsigamond is also the site of Interschols and rowing the course was good practice for the New England Championships, only weeks away. In each race, the Andover Girls rowed among five additional crews. The other teams included Exeter, Simsbury, Brookline, Tabor, and Northfield Mount Hermon. Andover's G2 and G3 each placed third in their races while G1 placed a triumphant first.

The G1 race was a nail-biter, with Exeter holding the lead for about half of the 1500-meter course. Andover finally pulled even and then ahead of the Red's boat. Captain Emily Thornton '01, said, "We felt experience in the boat when halfway through the race we walked up on Exeter. We managed to keep our endurance up. It was great that we kept it going when Exeter failed to do so."

The Blue went on to win the race with a time twelve seconds better than second place finisher, Exeter. The final times were Andover 5:36, Exeter 5:48. Simsbury took third with 5:51. Brookline, Tabor, and NMH finished fourth, fifth, and sixth respectively. Although the Andover Crew took first place, Coach Kathryn Green cau-

tioned, "It is so early in the season that we can't make judgments about what this means. We can't be cocky." She cheerfully added that if the girls continue to work hard, "Andover will be in the thick of things at Interschols."

Thornton exclaimed, "The race went really well. We are now feeling more confident about technique." She added, "Caitlin Henningsen '01, the coxswain, did a great job. She was really enthusiastic." According to Thornton, the boost in the team's confidence that comes with a good coxswain, a sunny day, and the support of parents and friend sail combined to help with G1's success.

Andover's second boat finished third on Saturday behind Exeter and Tabor. The girls wound up with a time of 6:13, four seconds behind Tabor and twelve seconds behind Exeter. Although the crew did not finish first, "...they raced pretty well," affirmed Green. The Coach went on to add that "they were beaten by two faster crews, but they were still in striking distance of the lead boats." G2 can improve their times by Interschols, which is six weeks away. Coach Green surmised that anything can happen and pointed out that "they can make that third place finish up if they do not stop pushing."

The third boat came in behind Exeter and Simsbury with a time of 6:39. Exeter's G3 won that race with a time of 6:14 and Simsbury followed at 6:34, and Andover crossed the line at 6:44. Tabor, Exeter's G4, and Brookline finished the race fourth, fifth, and sixth.

This Saturday, G1 and G2 will travel to Lake Cochichewick in North

Andover to row against Brooks. The opposition rows in a different league and rather than rowing in boats of eight as does Andover, they row in fours. To accommodate this challenge, Andover's first and second boats split up into fours on Wednesday and practiced rowing in boats half the size of their usual shell, with half as many people. The alternative to taking on this upcoming race against Brooks would be to rest for the weekend, something the Girls' Crew does not want to do. It is important to race often to stay on top. Green confirmed this position, adding, "If we want to win in six weeks, we can't just rest on our laurels." "Brooks will be fun, different, and nearby," she commented.

The challenge of rowing in fours this weekend should help to prepare the crews for the following weekend. The first weekend in May will mark the first home race of the season. It will also be the biggest race of the season as the reigning National Champion Crew will be there. In addition, the second place finisher at Nationals and the second place team in New England behind Andover, St. Paul's, will also race the Blue on the Merrimack River. Green enthused, "The three strongest crews in the Nation will be racing each other. It's going to be an exciting day and it's at home."

The team has much to look forward to after another great race this past weekend. The Girls' Crew hopes to be equally successful tomorrow rowing in fours. After Saturday's race, they have one more week of practice in eight's before the big home debut against the National Champion Crew.

Girls' Crew Says 'Booyah Grandma' to Competitors

by Elizabeth Thorndike
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



The Andover Girls' Crew had another successful season this past spring. The first boat only lost one race all season. In addition, G1 beat Exeter twice this

season. The second had a rough year but finally came in first in their last regular season race.

Rowing in their last year at Andover, seniors included Captain Emily Thornton, Kate Bartlett, Claire Bernard, Meg Blitzer, Vanessa Nickerson, Julia Saraidaridis, Rachel Weiner, and Kelsey Welsch. The senior coxswains were Caitlin Henningsen and Diana Mahler.

Over the course of the crew season, the roster for the first boat essentially stayed the same. Coach Kathryn Green said that it is uncommon for a boat to stay together for eight weeks. She added, "They have been together the whole season and it has benefited the girls because they have had a great chance to bond." Green praised the first boat, "They are highly motivated, focused, and determined. I am very pleased with their efforts. They have had a great season."

The second boat had its ups and downs throughout the term. "The wins and losses did not look too good but the group really is a great crew and I know that they can pull it together for Interschols," exclaimed Green.

Overall, the Coach stated that this crew season was great. There was a huge program of fifty-eight girls and five boats. "The chemistry of the team was positive and the weather was beau-

tiful for the most part." Coach Green further stated, "The boys and girls get along well. There is no animosity." She added, "This past season, the boathouse had a friendly atmosphere and was a generally fun place to be."

The Varsity Coach also praised her help this past season. She noted that it was great to have Mr. Moss back on the coaching staff after his sabbatical. In addition, Ms. Tousignant and Ms. Eckel were a great help. Tousignant coached last year and came back this season with more confidence, experience, and knowledge. Green added that the support and direction from the additional coaches was great; she could not have run the team without their help.

The Andover parents cheered on the crews all season long, in every race, home and away. They started the excitement by donating a new shell for G1 to use, the Endeavour. The new boat got everyone excited for the season from the get-go. It also proved to be good luck as G1 only lost one race all season. The parents continued to boost the morale of the team by showing up for every race to cheer the crews on. They always brought refreshments. The Andover parents also set up a cookout after the last home race of the season and they brought a grill and hamburgers to the final regular race of the term, at Northfield Mount Hermon. The team and the coaches really appreciated the efforts of the parents as the coach and captain constantly mentioned how amazing the parents were, all season long.

Coach Kathryn Green started out the season with the aspiration that "all three boats would win at Interschols this year." Never has this happened during her tenure as a coach, yet it was a reasonable dream. The G1 has a good chance at conquering the New England Crown again this season and with changes in G2's roster, they too could help to fulfill the dream. G3 has had a mixed number of wins and losses this season, but all three crews plan to row well at Interschols.

The crew started rowing in late March while snow was still on the ground. The weather has never stopped the tenacious girls' team, however. Lindsey Talbot '02 exclaimed, "The season had a rough start with all the snow. We knew, however, that we were the only crew in New England out on the water that first week; that really psyched us up for the season."

In their first race of the season, the team traveled three and a half hours to New Preston, CT to take on Kent. They soon found the home course to be flooded and were forced to race on Lake Waramaug, which had no set course. With no docks in the water, the crews had to wade into the water to get into the shells. Yet being wet and cold did not stop G1 from crossing the finish line three seconds before Kent's first boat did. The second boat haplessly started their losing streak against Kent in the event of catching an unlucky crab. The third boat did beat Kent.

With all these things holding the crew back in their first race of the season, the team held strong and started on a high note that would inevitably carry them through the year. When the coach told her rowers that they would have to stay focussed and pull hard at Kent, Caroline Lind '02 stammered, "It's like

Booyah Grandma!" Nobody really knew where that phrase ever came from, but it became G1's trademark. They won many races throughout the season with "Booyah Grandma" in mind. The first boat also had pink tee shirts made with their motto printed on the back to keep the morale and energy flowing.

The second race of the season was the Worcester Invitational, which included Andover, Exeter, Simsbury, Brookline, Tabor, and NMH. The tournament was held at Lake Quinsigamond, the site of Interschols. Andover's G1 toppled Exeter by twelve seconds in a triumphant victory over all five crews. The second and third boats were not as successful in that race, but each came in third place.

After a weekend off from a race, the first home race of the season was against the reigning National Champions and St. Paul's. Unfortunately in their home debut, the first boat fell for the only time all season. However, St. Paul's time in that race only bettered Andover's by about four seconds. Green added "We didn't race spectacularly well but we were in striking distance of St. Paul's." She also offered, "We are just hoping to come out on top later."

Just one week after G1's disappointing loss, they stormed back to beat Exeter for the second time of the season with a time that was coincidentally twelve seconds better than their rival's time once again. They also rowed against Tabor, in this, their last home race on the Merrimack. The crew improved and "rowed the exact race plan," according to Coach Green. Emily Thornton added that the team had really developed after the St. Paul's race and they were now ready to take on any competition. She boasted, "We brought it together and got over some mental barriers that we had the week before."

In their second race against Exeter and Tabor, G2 fell short once again. They pulled hard but the crew could just not bring it all together to come out on top. Coach Green stated, "G2 is faster than their records reflect." After switching up the roster for the second boat, they were finally able to come out successful.

Against Northfield Mount Hermon, in their last race of the season, the G1 through G4 swept the opposition. This was the first time this happened all season and it was quite a confidence booster going into the Interscholastic Tournament. The sweep also lent the second boat their first win of the season: It was an amazing triumph for G2; they finally found the speed that they had been looking for all season long as they crossed the line twenty-two seconds before NMH.

Led by Captain Emily Thornton '01, the Blue boasted quite a record. The only loss for G1 was against the Cincinnati Juniors and St. Paul's, the first and second place finishers in last year's National Tournament. On the season as a whole, Thornton exclaimed, "It has been incredible!" She added that the team started their regular season with a win, ended with a win, and beat arch rival, Exeter, twice. Going into the Interscholastic Tournament at Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, MA, the first boat is ranked second behind St. Paul's and G2 is ranked fifth.

SPORT: Cycling

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Nate Beck

MANAGER:

COACH: John Williams

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD.

WON **LOST** **TIED**

Letter Winners

Beck, Nathan J.
Morse, David L.
Roldan, Anthony L.
Stetson, Peter B.
Sullivan, Danfoth B.
Tory, Jessica E.
Watson, Jessica S.

Cycling– Varsity
2000 – 2001

| Name | Class | Hometown |
|----------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Beck, Nathan J. | 2001 | Concord, MA |
| Morse, David L. | 2004 | Shaw Centre, Singapore |
| Roldan, Anthony L. | 2004 | New York, NY |
| Stetson, Peter B. | 2003 | Falmouth, ME |
| Sullivan, Danfoth B. | 2002 | Jaffrey, NH |
| Tory, Jessica E. | 2002 | Westmount, Canada |
| Watson, Jessica S. | 2001 | Rocky Mount, NC |

Cycling Opens Season After 3 Weeks Of Training

by Jess Torsy
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



The cycling team is a great mystery to most of the students and faculty at Andover. We practice far from campus and we never have any home races. Did

anybody even know that the cycling team got new uniforms this year? Didn't think so. Well, in any case, the "sartorially pleasing" Andover cycling team officially opened its season with two races this week, after nearly three weeks of good mileage and hard workouts.

On Sunday the team traveled to Plymouth, Mass., for a United States Cycling Federation race that featured strong competition, a hot sun, and a chance to size up the competition, including Exeter's cycling team. Of the seven who raced, three were riders

new to the team; Dave Morse '04, Filip Dames '01, and Jess Torsy '02. The team was without their other new member, Anthony Roldan '04, who was sidelined with pneumonia.

The 20-mile race got off to a very quick start, and the feisty Andover riders jumped right into the scuffle. The pace of the race was very fast, and some of the top juniors even ended up finishing with the experienced upper-classmen, who were also racing in the 2.5 mile loop. Andover's top finishers were returning team members Nate Beck '01, Dan Sullivan '02, and Peter Stetson '03, who finished tightly knit, 14th, 15th and 16th, respectively. The trio followed hot on the heels of the top Exeter rider, who finished in 12th. All but one of PA's riders crossed the line. In an unfortunate turn of events, Filip Dames '01 "knocked elbows" with another racer, fell, and strained his right hamstring.

Said team captain Jess Watson '01, on the race, "It was more of a learning experience than anything else. Three of our riders had never raced before, and riding in a pack of forty bikers can be an intimidating introduction to racing." However, for their first race, it was a success.

The team fared much better at their race in Holderness on Wednesday, which was one of the prep school races the team has this season. It was a 20-mile road race, and from start to finish, the riders went up about one thousand feet in vertical, with the last mile and half of the race being, according to Coach Derek Williams, "a pretty serious uphill climb."

The big excitement of the day

came from the female half of PA's team, which has grown in numbers by one this year, and now stands at two. Crossing the finish line together, the "Jess-es" dominated the field that day, coming in a good thirty seconds before the next rider, who turned out to be from Exeter.

Watson, who had earned the coveted six-second "time bonus" at the fifth mile took the win, the first of her successful PA cycling career. "Jess was awesome today. I can't believe how strong she was going up the hills. I was extremely impressed with her performance," said teammate Torsy. The boys raced in two separate categories at Holderness, as opposed to Sunday's race, where they were all lumped together in the same big pack.

Racing in the "A" race were Nate Beck '01, Dan Sullivan '02, and Peter Stetson '03. Sullivan was Andover's top finisher, coming in 7th. The "B" race featured the return of Anthony Roldan '04, who kept dorm-mate Dave Morse '04 company. Unfortunately, in Roldan's debut, he was unable to finish the race due to a bad leg cramp at the 15th mile, but Morse finished the uphill sprint looking strong.

The team looks ahead to Sunday, when they have another USCF race. When asked, Captain Watson had a positive outlook for the season: "I'm very excited about our season this year. We have a lot more races than we did last year, and we have a very promising team, with a lot of potential. And I have to say that I enjoy having company in the Women's races."

CYCLING ATTENDS USCF ROAD RACE

TOP RACERS PLACE

by Jess Tory
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Rounding out their first week of racing, the cycling team traveled to Monson bright and early last Sunday to a USCF road race. Facing riders from all around New England, Andover's racers rode four eight-mile loops, facing four serious climbs and a flat, sprinting finish.

Filip Dames '01 and Danforth Sullivan '02 suffered from a hamstring pull and illness respectively, missing the action in the boys' races. Nate Beck '01 took fourth in the boys' 17-18 junior division after bridging a sizable gap to the lead boy's pack early in the race, but unfortunately missed third place in the sprint by a narrow margin.

Right behind Beck in the finish, Peter Stetson '03 placed fifth. Racing in the same pack as Beck and Stetson, Dave Morse '04 and Anthony Roldan '04 were scored with a younger field, but their riding masked their youth among the older, more experienced racers.

Jessica Watson '01 raced with the women's Category 4 field, finishing seventh, but she won her division, Junior Women 17-18 by default, being the only racer in that age/gender group.

In preparation for next week's racing, this week's training has included "Hurldom" hills and some serious mileage. On Sunday, the team will travel to Bethel, ME where Gould Academy is hosting a notoriously hilly road race. Barring further injury or sickness, the cycling team should be able to guarantee a strong performance in Maine.

Seniors Watson and Beck Power Cycling Through Top Season

by Danforth Sullivan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



This spring the Phillips Academy cycling team had its most successful year in recent history. The team started on a high note, as the boys placed second and the girls were victorious in their first race of the season at Holderness.

From then on it was a season filled with ups and downs, crashes and trophies. Fortunately, the end results were good: the girls came home with the New England Championship and the boys worked to keep the number of needed bandages to a minimum.

The girls' team was truly a force to be reckoned with. Captain Jessica Watson '01 was joined by new Upper Jess Tory '02 to form a dominant duo. After being the only girl on the team last year, Watson was thrilled to have such a talented teammate. Together the two were able to race wisely and strategically, working together for team wins. The two swept junior races across New England and dominated the Prep circuit. The pair brought home what turned out to be the first of several New England Championships for Phillips Academy athletics.

Watson proved herself to be the most intelligent and experienced rider in the league while Tory made up for what she lacked in experience with her strong legs and youthful exuberance. Individually, the girls placed superbly at the New England Championships. After placing second for two consecutive years, Watson placed first decisively. Having never raced before this season, Tory was a great surprise for the team.

In the championship competition

she rode superbly, setting Watson up for the win and finishing third. The girls were fortunate to peak at just the right time, bringing home the New England trophy for the first time in many years.

The boys A team had their most successful season of late as well. Nate Beck '01, showed enormous improvement over last year and proved that he is one of the strongest riders in New England. Beck tended to be a quiet presence in the platoon but he was always right there for the finishes.

Beck's season finished on somewhat of a low note as he crashed out of the New England Championships near the halfway point of the race. Nate hit the track hard after another rider hit his rear wheel. He was unable to finish the race and has been proudly hobbling around campus covered in bandages ever since.

Peter Stetson '03 was undoubtedly the most improved rider on the team. He smoothly transitioned up from the B races and became a crucial scoring rider for the A team. Stetson used his energetic and at times combative riding style to keep things alive in the pack and keep PA in every race. Unfortunately, in the New England Championships, after riding a stellar first half of the race, Stetson lost contact with the lead pack.

It was his only weak moment in an excellent season and one that shows the future strength of the team. Danforth Sullivan '02 was the third and final A rider for the boys. Sullivan had a somewhat disappointing season that was exacerbated by a midseason illness. But, he placed solidly for the team, helping out with team victories and leading the less experienced riders. Sullivan managed his best race of the season at the New England Championships. He was PA's only rider to stay with the lead group for the entire race.

The highlight of the boys' season was the Gould Academy road race. It

was the second-to-last league race of the season. The Gould course consists of a difficult uphill stretch just over twenty miles in length, and PA excelled on the difficult terrain to place first as a team. The win can be attributed to Beck's powerful finish, placing second overall.

The boys' B pack manifested Andover's promise. In general cycling is a very difficult sport for younger athletes, due to the muscular fatigue it produces. The team was very happy with the addition and success of young riders, Anthony Roldan '04 and Dave Morse '04. The two significantly added to the depth of the team. Both riders have shown enormous promise and are sure to be key scorers for the team in the next few seasons.

Despite his inexperience, Morse showed signs of future greatness in his unsuccessful but courageous attacks in the New England Championships. Together the two just may be the strongest pair of ninth graders in New England cycling.

The success of the cycling team is largely the result of strong leadership. The return of Coach Derek Williams '65 from sabbatical was vital to the team. Williams trained the team ruthlessly but softened the suffering with

his humor and knowledge of the sport. Williams himself is an accomplished rider: he has placed in the top ten multiple times in the National Masters Championships. Last year while he was away researching for the History Department, the team felt his loss greatly. Now that he has returned, his leadership, along with that of Watson and Assistant Coach Judy Landowne, resulted in the great growth and success the team has experienced.

The team is losing Watson and Beck, two integral team members. Stetson will be studying abroad next year, and his presence will also be sorely missed. However, prospects for the 2002 season remain bright. Tory has proven herself a natural talent on the bike and she is poised to take over the empty space Watson left by Watson.

The boys will look to Sullivan to step up as the team leader and will be expecting a lot from the new riders, Roldan and Morse. Mr. Williams has faith that the two will improve greatly as they mature. However, the loss of the seniors will not only hurt the team in terms of points, because Beck and Watson were also crucial leaders. The blue squad would like to thank them for everything and wish them luck!



Courtesy of D. Sullivan

Andover Cycling Captain Nate Beck '01 edges out his opponent in the last competition of the season.

SPORT: Golf

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Jeremiah O'Neil

MANAGER:

COACH: Nathaniel Smith

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD

WON 6 **LOST** 7 **TIED** 1

Letter Winners

Ahmed, Azeem A.
Breen, David K.
Cuzzo, Lloyd M.
Ford, James R.
Lee, Jeehae
Mendal, Jayme
O'Neill, Jeremiah C.

Po, Nicholas M.
Poole, Charles A.
Pucillo, Anthony W.
Sandman, Jeffrey K.
St.Peter, Mitchell G.
Wetherell, Jarrett S.

Golf – Varsity **2000 – 2001**

| Name | Class | Hometown |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Ahmed, Azeem A. | 2002 | West Vancouver, Canada |
| Breen, David K. | 2002 | North Andover, MA |
| Cuzzo, Lloyd M. | 2002 | Los Angeles, CA |
| Ford, James R. | 2002 | Andover, MA |
| Lee, Jeehae | 2002 | Kyungi Do, Korea |
| Mendal, Jayme | 2003 | Swampscott, MA |
| O'Neill, Jeremiah C. | 2001 | North Andover, MA |
| Po, Nicholas M. | 2003 | Namly Place, Singapore |
| Poole, Charles A. | 2002 | Everett, MA |
| Pucillo, Anthony W. | 2003 | Ontario, Canada |
| Sandman, Jeffrey K. | 2002 | Andover, MA |
| St.Peter, Mitchell G. | 2002 | . |
| Wetherell, Jarrett S. | 2002 | North Andover, MA |
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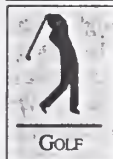
Belmont Hill's Solid Line-Up Downs Andover Golfers; Too Hot To Handle



R. MacInnis/The Phillippian

Mitch St. Peter '02 hits along a fairway during last Wednesday's game against Belmont Hill.

by Mitch St. Peter
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Last Wednesday, the Trull Brook Golf Club in nearby Tewksbury failed to provide the satisfying results to which

Andover's golf squad has become pleasantly accustomed in its early season play. PA's stellar undefeated record came to a crashing halt up against perennial New England golf powerhouse, Belmont Hill.

"I'm not sure what happened,"

commented the leader of the team, Jeremiah "The Kid" O'Niell '01. It was apparent that the Andover Blue was caught off guard by the sharp shooters of Belmont Hill. "I didn't play that badly," said Dave Breen of the class of 2002. "I think they were too much," Breen added. A solid lineup of Belmont Hill's young talent, combined with their seasoned veterans, took down Andover one by one in a number of heated battles that left PA's golfers with a bitter taste in their mouths. "Never have I thrown a club further in my life," said Azeem Ahammed '02.

But all was not lost at Trull on Wednesday. "He needs work on his game," said James Ford commenting on his opposition as he defeated him on the last hole of play, adding a ray of light to the otherwise cloudy afternoon. Jee Hae Lee '02 added another victory to her steady and consistent play. Lee has victimized opponent after opponent this season and somehow still maintains she has much to accomplish regarding her game. Not good news for golfers that have to tee it up against Lee.

The strongest tandem in eastern golf in the past twenty years, Lee and Ford, left Trull battered and bruised, but still without a loss to their names. Mitch St. Peter '02, who played with Azeem "The Dream", commented on this saying, "I miss Pooch". Pooch, otherwise known by his given name Anthony Pucillo, agreed as he wiped the tears from his face. Maybe the two will someday reunite and turn around their play as the season slinks further and further toward its finale. The team will need to be firing on all cylinders if they want to outshine their competition in the latter half of the season.

"We have a deep squad" said coach Nat Smith amidst friendly bantering with the female coach of Belmont Hill. Along with math department cohort and fellow golf coach, Frank Hannah, the three played their own match at Trull on Wednesday. The scores were

not recorded. All Smith had to say was, "I owned them." Whether or not we'll ever know what actually occurred during the round is a question for another article.

Despite the losses across the board, the golf team is still hopeful as they look towards their next matches. "The season is young and we still have a lot of golf to play and many windshields to shatter," said Dave Breen. If the team is in agreement about one thing, that's it. They look to add to their 4-1 record this upcoming Wednesday at St. Marks.

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BIG BLUE GOLF UP TO PAR; BEATS ST. MARK'S

by Jeremiah O'Neill
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



The golf team got their game back on track this Wednesday with a commanding four point win over St. Mark's. Coach Nat Smith was particularly impressed: "Our team looked like PGA professionals man handling a bunch of beginners. I figure that it is all the product of my superior coaching."

What was so impressive about our victory was that we didn't even use our top players. Jeehae Lee '02, who most regularly plays the #2 spot on the team, was in absentia, as was James Ford '02. Jayme Mendal '03 and Nick Po '03 filled the spots of our missing regulars, and before the match Jarrett Wetherell '02 gave them a few words of wisdom. "You too had better play well today! We are all depending on you to win your matches, no pressure. The key to winning is get inside your opponents' head." Wetherell's advice worked for both of the new guys, as they both got the win.

O'Neill came in with a strong victory, with a 37. Unfortunately his partner Mitch St. Peter '02 couldn't find his game. He was frustrated the entire day, especially with the conditioning of the course.

Even though St. Mark's only had to deal with part of the top eight, they probably still realize what kind of super power they just played against. They were begging for mercy by the end, and their coach was so mad at their horrific play that he had the team running laps around the course when we left. That's quite the sight.

by Mitch St. Peter
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Andover golf assumed a new level of confidence at the tail end of the season, with a strong showing against Exeter and GDA in its final match. Unfortunately for the Blue, they did not win their second consecutive Witherspoon Cup due to a miserable showing in the second leg at GDA's home course. On Saturday, May 19, P.A. regained some of the ground that it had lost the previous week, and finished the season on a relative high note.

The third leg of the Witherspoon Cup is traditionally played at Exeter's Portsmouth Country Club in Greenland, NH. It is usually one of the finest layouts that the Blue play each year: a challenging round on a picturesque landscape. A howling wind made that week's conditions even more difficult than usual.

Much to everyone's surprise, Jeehae Lee '02, asked Captain Jeremiah O' Neill '01, if she could take the #1 spot in order to compete against her arch-nemesis Wendra Liang '01, the Captain of Exeter's squad. Jeremiah granted her wish, which put the Captain at the #2 spot for the first time all year.

The top two faired very well. Lee shot an 81, under severe conditions, and Liang and the GDA #1 shot 79. However, Lee tied Liang in her match, and made the Lovell Cup score 4-4. The Lovell Cup is a match play event over two different outings between Exeter and Andover, and after the first leg, the score was tied. O' Neill shot his best score ever at Portsmouth with a 77 and won his match against an Exeter opponent on the last hole. He capped off his Andover career with a win after being one down on the 16th tee. O'Niell attributes his win to his girlfriend's support throughout the

round. "Just holding her hand and hugging her after every shot gave me the confidence to go out there and win today."

At #3, Mitch St. Peter '02 finished the season with an 80 and tied his match after being down for most of the back nine. At #4 Anthony Pucillo '03 shot a mediocre 86 to cap off his season. However, in four matches, he was the only one to lose.

At #5 James Ford '02 struggled en route to an 89, yet still managed to tie his match and put the Lovell Cup competition at 6-6. Azheem Ahamed '02, playing at the sixth spot, matched Puch's score of 86, but unfortunately lost a close match to his Exeter adversary, who put up a 83. Azheem's loss brought the match score to 7-6. Andover needed a win at #7 to tie the match: the pressure fell on David Breen.

Coming up the 18th fairway, there was a buzz in the air; he had prevailed. After finishing the hole, Breen raised his arms in the air and proclaimed "David Breen is God!" His 82 and subsequent victory tied the match, 7-7.

There was a fiery dispute over who would keep the trophy in the event of a tie. Because there was no exact rule and because Andover won last year, the coaches decided that Andover would retain the prize, according to the more well-known rules of the Ryder Cup. Mr. Smith told the Exeter coach, "We'll send you a picture of it."

Exeter won the Witherspoon Cup by an eight-stroke margin over GDA and a fifteen-stroke margin over the Blue. For the day, however, Andover's 406 was good enough for second place and restored some of Andover's lost confidence. They took comfort in keeping the prized Lovell Cup for one more glorious year, due to the putting mastery of David Breen.

After a 4-4-1 season, Andover was, to say the least, disappointed. A strong start had engendered daydreams of an undefeated season in the minds of

P.A.'s golfers. Down the stretch, the Blue was mediocre at best except in the final match at Portsmouth.

Andover looks ahead to a potentially successful year in 2002. The team is graduating one senior this year, Captain O' Neill, who has played a major role in the success of Andover golf in his four years. He finished the season with a win-loss record of 5-4 with a 77 at Stowe Acres against Deerfield and a 77 in his last high school match against Exeter and GDA. He will go on to play college golf at Lafayette, after being highly recruited by many Pennsylvania schools. He will be greatly missed.

Most likely, Jeehae Lee will assume the #1 spot next year after her 4-3-1 season. She posted the lowest 18-hole score of the year with a 76 at Stowe Acres. She is a highly confident and experienced player whose leadership will be greatly needed by the squad next year. Mitch St. Peter, who finished the season at #3, will also be at the top of next year's ladder despite his disappointing 3-4-2 effort. His 77 at Stowe Acres and 80 at Portsmouth were his top scores of the year. Tony Pucillo will be another veteran on next year's team. Despite his 2-7-1 season, Mr. Smith and the team are confident that he will rise to the challenge next spring.

Ahamed, Breen, Ford, Jarret Wetherell, Jeff Sandman, Lloyd Cuzzo and Charles Poole will make up a strong senior core on the team of 2002. They all played very well this year and have vital experience under pressure that will make them shine in their final year. Jaime Mendal '03 and Nick Po '03 will also contribute to next year's squad. Mendal had one win and one loss and Po had the same record. They both have the potential to be victorious.

The Andover season could have and should have been much better, but their play was inconsistent. Blue's success at the start of the season was



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Jarrett Wetherall '01 perfects his swing as he trains for the Witherspoon Cup.

Unfortunately short-lived. However, the team's members have the proficiency to prosper in Eastern golf, despite Coach Smith's concerns: "After we lost Brian Faulk I thought we were in trouble. Now that Jeremiah is leaving. I don't know what we are going to do." For all of those in doubt, Andover golf *will* be back next year. For now, so long to Andover's great friend and Captain, Jeremiah "the kid" O' Neill.

SPORT: Lacrosse - boys

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Isaac Taylor

MANAGER: Katharine Planitzer, Ronalda Seden

COACH: Paul Kalkstein

ASSISTANT COACH: Leon Modeste

SEASON RECORD

WON 5 **LOST** 9 **TIED**

Letter Winners

Arensberg, William A.
Bardo, Jesse J.
Barron, Thomas M.
Baschuk, Bryce W.
Boylan, Dean F.
Buchanan, John G.
Bush-Brown, David S.
Butcher, Corbin S.
Chase, Eric C.

Choi, Kingsley T.
Cropp, Ian H.
Doherty, John J.
Eberlein, Justin D.
Haney, Joshua H.
Harrold, Charles C.
Kellogg, Jeremy G.
LeSaffre, Luke J.
Malo, Nathaniel

J.Murphy, Patrick M.
Ober, Thomas A.
Planitzer, Katharine E.
Rotondi, Eugene B.
Seden, Ronalda T.
Smith, Andrew B.
Taylor, Isaac B.
Ward, Marc R.
Ward, Scott M.
Winston, Braxton D.

Lacrosse Boys – Varsity

2000 – 2001

| No. | Name | Class | Pos. | Hometown |
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| 1 | Bardo, Jesse | 03 | A | Andover, MA |
| 2 | Arensberg, Austin | 01 | M | Louisville, KY |
| 3 | Murphy, Pat | 01 | A | Hanover, NH |
| 4 | Cropp, Ian | 01 | M | Williamsville, NY |
| 5 | Ward, Scott | 01 | D | Boxford, MA |
| 6 | BushBrown, Spencer | 03 | A | Dedham, MA |
| 9 | Kellogg, Jeremy | 02 | M | Natick, MA |
| 10 | Winston, Braxton | 01 | D | Brooklyn, NY |
| 11 | Doherty, John | 01 | M | Lynnfield, MA |
| 12 | Butcher, Corbin | 01 | A | Key Biscayne, FL |
| 13 | Barron, Thomas | 04 | A | New York, NY |
| 14 | Harrold, Charles | 04 | D | Chicago, IL |
| 15 | Buchanan, Grier | 01 | M | Washington, DC |
| 16 | Chase, Eric | 01 | G | Montclair, NJ |
| 18 | Ward, Marc | 02 | D | Alamo, CA |
| 19 | Haney, Josh | 02 | M | Jackson, WY |
| 20 | Eberlein, Justin | 02 | A | St. Louis, MO |
| 22 | Baschuk, Bryce | 01 | M | Chevy Chase, MD |
| 23 | Smith, Andrew | 01 | G | Dedham, MA |
| 25 | Rotondi, Gino | 01 | A | Winchester, MA |
| 28 | Malo, Nate | 03 | D | Atkinson, NH |
| 30 | Choi, Kingsley | 01 | D | Boxford, MA |
| 31 | LeSaffre, Luke | 01 | M | N. Andover, MA |
| 44 | Boylan, Dean | 03 | D | Andover, MA |
| 50 | Taylor, Isaac | 01 | M | Woodstock, VT |

Lacrosse Falls in First Game to GDA; High Expectations for Spring Slate

by Craig Farraro
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover
GDA

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"I thought we were better," said Ian Cropp '01 about Wednesday's performance against Governor Dummer.

The first boys lacrosse game of the season did not turn out as desired. Having had no legitimate practice time on a field, the lack of preparation was evident. The team's play improved over the course of a game that many felt could have been won.

The Blue Squad came out energized for the first quarter. Initially, PA went up 1-0. GDA then tallied two goals to close out the period, forshadowing a dismal second period. The Red Dogs ate the team for lunch, running off an amazing five straight goals. Struggling back, the Blue scored three goals in the third quarter, and two to finish the game. This final phase was dominated by Andover, but it was too little, too late.

The defensive unit needed to display tremendous skills in order to win this game. Cropp realized that "we were not good on D, and a little flat-footed." The Big Blue also had difficulty on the face-offs; even with winning the draws, PA could not keep possession.

The team stepped it up in the second half. The bulk of the scoring was done in the midfield. Luke LeSaffre rose to the challenge, leading the team with three goals. Captain Isaac Taylor '01 added a goal and an assist, as did Cropp. The sole goal for the attack came from Jesse Bardo '03. Senior Eric Chase played well in the goal, turning many scoring chances into saves.

"We are still forming as a team," assured Bryce Baschuk '01. Bad weather and other intangibles prevented the team from playing up to its full

potential. This year's squad still has much to prove after last year's slightly disappointing 6-8 record. In the eyes of former captain Jon Sinex '00, though, the effort was there, so the rest should fall into place. Along with line-mate Nat Carr '00, Sinex carried the team through valiant efforts against the toughest competitors to carve out a decent season.

After an off-season of perfecting skills and of athletic strengthening, the team will need to rise above and beyond expectations. Veteran players

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WINTER SNOWS HURT BOYS LAX IN CLOSE GAME

FALL TO GOVERNOR DUMMER

Indoor Practice Holds Boys Lacrosse Back, Ready for Spring

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and coaches will guide the squad. "Isaac Taylor '01 is one of the best midfielders we've had in years," says Coach Paul Kalkstein '61. He returns with assistant coach Leon Modeste, moving up after a few years on the JV level. Respect on the team is mutual, as Taylor, the captain, calls Kalkstein an "excellent coach."

The midfield is talented and deep this year. Four seniors, Taylor, Luke LeSaffre, Austin Arensberg, and Grier Buchanan have been at the varsity level for three years. Post Graduate Bryce Baschuk brings some big-game experience from the lacrosse hotbed of Maryland.

When asked about the transition from Maryland to New England, Baschuk commented, "It's a different game, but that's not to say the teams are less competitive." The competition will have to face other tough midfielders Ian Cropp '01, Pat Murphy '01, Jeremy Kellogg '02, Josh Haney '02, and John Doherty '03.

The midfield will largely depend on the leadership of Taylor and LeSaffre, who both bring strong defensive skills and capabilities to score. This year's team boasts the luxury of a very balanced midfield corps, with a second line of Kellogg, Cropp, and Baschuk possessing the ability to put the ball in the net. This group's greatest strength lies in the area of face-offs: Baschuk, Taylor and LeSaffre all face-off well and can help gain possession for the offense.

The extremely athletic defensive unit is lead by seniors Braxton Winston and Scott Ward. Punctuating the defense will be a player from each grade: Kingsley Choi, Marc Ward, Nate Malo, and Charles Harrold. These players show a lot of potential but will, "need to be converted [from positions other than defense]," stated Coach Kalkstein. Princeton-bound goalie Eric Chase '01 is, in the words of teammate

Luke LeSaffre, "one of the best goalies I've played with." Andrew Smith '01 will ably serve as Chase's understudy, but could see significant minutes in the unlikely event of the starter faltering.

Members of the attack need to be ready to rumble. The coach believes that "we have to build the attack from scratch this year, largely because Gino Rotondi '01 hasn't been able to play yet." It will be interesting to see how they respond without Rotondi, who isn't expected back until a week from now. The only other returner is Corbin Butcher '01.

Coming off of an extremely successful JV season are Justin Eberlein '02, Spencer Bush-Brown '03, and Jesse Bardo '03. Arriving at the school with tremendous middle school experience is junior Tom Barron. If this group gets hot, goalies all across New England better watch out.

This year's schedule includes games against defending ISL champion Roxbury Latin, Bridgton Academy, and perennial Western New England

powerhouses Loomis Chaffee and Deertfield. The season finale will come against archrival, and last year's Eastern New England Champion, Exeter. Exeter is expected to be tough again this year. Taylor sees the Blue as having a "good chance of winning this pivotal game."

Victories could be hard to come by, but if the players step up in big games, they will enjoy great success. "We will have a strong season. There are a bunch of dedicated seniors that are going to make this work," predicted Cropp. He added, "This coaching staff will not let us continue to lose." With more practices and experience this team should be able change its results.

The team has some glaring strengths, and some areas that need a little work. Everyone involved with lacrosse feels the hope and anticipation of a great season. There is a hard working team laboring away on the field, or maybe just the cage for now, that is ready change dreams into reality.



Courtesy of L. LeSaffre

Captain Isaac Taylor '01 attempts to create a scoring opportunity against a Pinkerton opponent.



Courtesy of Luke LeSaffre

Senior Luke LeSaffre looks to contribute as a scoring threat from midfield this year for the Big Blue.

Boys Lacrosse Pulls Out 9-7 Win Over Talented Roxbury Latin, Rounds Out Week With 14-3 Loss

by Craig Ferraro
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

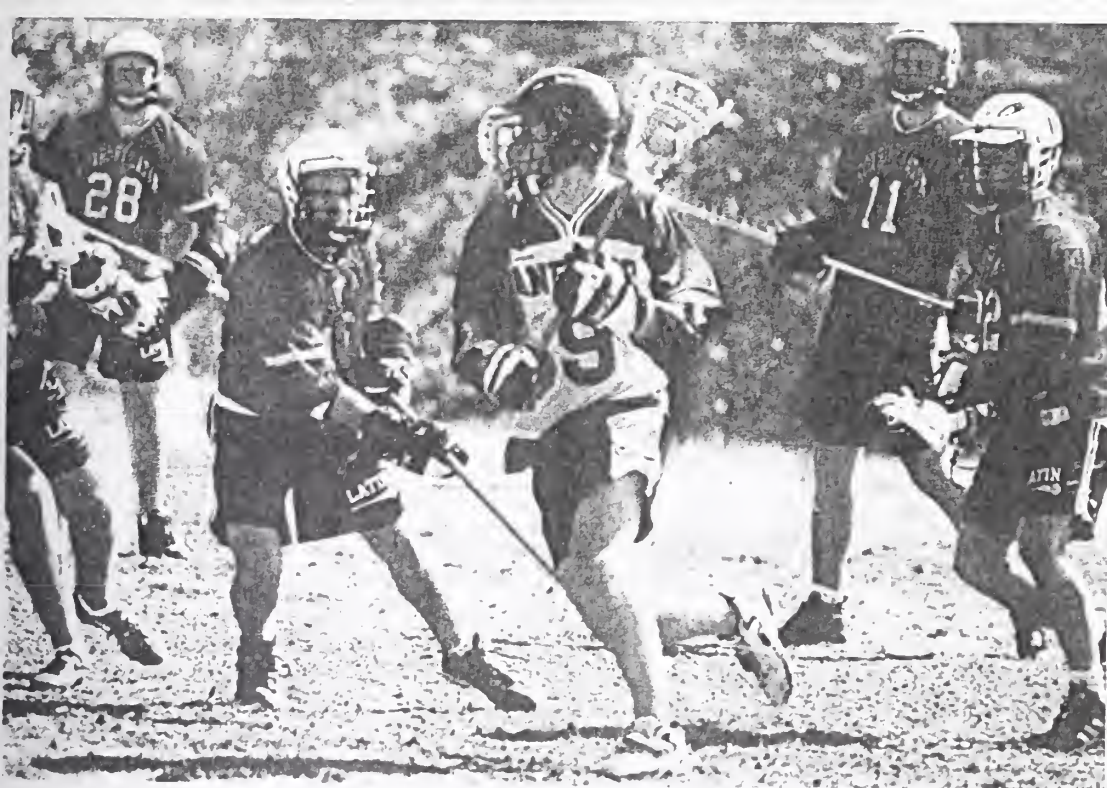
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| Andover | 9 |
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| Bridgton | 14 |
| Andover | 3 |

Redemption and pride were on the line as the Big Blue took on Roxbury Latin last Saturday. Our team knew it would take a good effort by all to defeat last year's ISL Champions. They came out firing, as did R-L. The scoring went back and forth, leaving the teams even at two after the first quarter. As the half drew near, both teams responded to surprise surges by the opponent, leaving the sides deadlocked at five with one half left to play. The play slowed some to open the third quarter. PA scored the only goal of the period. The Big Blue jumped ahead early in the last period, but Roxbury Latin would give one last push. They scored two quick goals to tie it up late in the game. From there Andover rose to the challenge, scoring two more goals to finish the game with a 9-7 win. A team effort led our squad to an important early season victory.

"Our offense was committed to running the plays and working as a unit," commented Spencer Bush-Brown '03. Bush-Brown helped the team by scoring a goal and two assists. Upper Jeremy Kellogg added, "We really came together this game." Captain Isaac Taylor '01 paced the team by tallying two goals and an assist. A goal from

Luke LeSaffre '01 and two assists by Ian Cropp '01 were additional contributions from the midfield. After a lackluster performance against Governor Dummer, the attack came up big. Jesse Bardo '03 and Justin Eberlein '02 each found the back of the net twice. The defense was hurt by early penalties, but responded well afterwards. Marc Ward '02 showed tremendous speed clearing the ball and adding an assist. Senior goalie Eric Chase was almost unbeatable between the pipes. He had sixteen saves, leaving the opponents scoreless in the third quarter and limiting them to two goals throughout the entire second half. The team came through in a tight game on Saturday, leaving a loftier challenge ahead.

Fresh off that win, the squad faced a harsh Bridgton squad, and the even harsher conditions of a nearly frozen Siberia field. The Blue looked to prove that they could play with one of the best teams they will be facing all year. Bridgton jumped off to an early lead, dominating the first quarter. Exemplifying team excellence, the opposition grabbed hold of a 4-0 lead after one quarter. The second period was much of the same, as PA allowed four goals without reply. Nearing half-time, senior Luke LeSaffre scored the only goal of the half for the home team. After the break our team came out ready to prove they would not go down without a fight. The third quarter was by far the team's best, allowing just one goal. Justin Eberlein '02 fired a shot that beat the goalie. The output for that segment



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Jeremy Kellogg '02 tries to put himself in scoring position during last Saturday's win against Roxbury Latin.

of the game was even at one. Bridgton concluded the game with a flurry of goals. Five of them ripped the net in the closing quarter. Ian Cropp '01 had a nice dodge and shot up top that gave Andover their final goal.

"The score is deceiving, because we played a solid game. We proved we can play with the best of them today," said goalie Andrew Smith '01. The game was a solid one for the Blue. Smith filled in excellently in the goal. He made a number of incredible saves on shots that he said "their players really put some heat on." LeSaffre, Taylor, and Bryce Bashchuk '01 again controlled the face-offs. The defense played well against a strong team that relied on one-on-one situations. Offensively, both the midfielders and attackmen were mostly held in check. The shots that they did get off were stoned by two

high-quality goalies. Although failing to emerge victorious, the Blue certainly played well against a team that hasn't seen a loss yet.

Looking ahead on the schedule, the lakers have matchups with two northern teams. On Saturday they face the Hyde School, which has easily handled the competition in its home state of Maine. But, after coming down to Andover, they will have wished they had stayed in the woods.

A game against defending Northern New England Champions, Holderness will be played next Wednesday. The team has made great strides since their opening day loss and has shown flashes of brilliance. Andover lacrosse should prove to be a formidable force within the coming weeks.

Boys Lacrosse Boasts Mixed Week



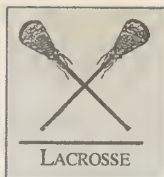
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Captain Isaac Taylor '01 led his team to an upset victory over Roxbury Latin before falling to Bridgeton Academy on Wednesday. -see p. 9 for story

Boys Lacrosse Barely Edges By Hyde Falls to Skilled Loomis Chaffee Squad

by Craig Ferraro
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| Andover | 13 |
| Hyde | 11 |
| Andover | 10 |
| Loomis-Chaffee | 4 |



The lacrosse team looked to bounce back from a tough game against Bridgton last week and secure two vic-

tories. They fell one short. PA had some trouble with a scrappy Hyde squad, but prevailed in the end. They were overmatched and outplayed by Holderness this Wednesday however.

Saturday's showdown against Hyde got off to a quick start. The Blue came out shooting in the first quarter, scoring almost immediately, and holding down a four to one advantage going into end of the period. The second quarter brought some trouble however, as the overwhelming amount of penalties called on Andover began. Although our offense was still clicking, the defense was hurt by these penalties, surrendering 4 man up goals in the first half. The high scoring pace came to a halt after half time. Both squads came up empty on opportunities, scoring only one goal each in the third quarter, leaving the score at 10-6 in the Blue's favor. PA's play level dropped some in the fourth quarter. Fouls continued to plague the team, which allowed Hyde to find the net 5 times in the last period. Andover had a slight offensive burst that gave them 3 goals that frame. After a great start, and a lackadaisical finish Andover escaped with a 13-11 victory.

Once again the midfielders carried the team's offense. Isaac Taylor '01 dominated the game early, scoring

three goals in the first half. Upper Jeremy Kellogg contributed two goals and two assists in an excellent game. Post Graduate Bryce Baschuk also ripped the net twice on this day. Gino Rotundi '01, Justin Eberlein '02, Jesse Bardo '03, and Spencer Bush-Brown '03 added goals for the attack. The team's defense proved to be a little undisciplined, allowing a few too many goals. But, their transition game was good, as Marc Ward '02 ran the field for a goal. Andrew Smith '01 once again proved to be a capable backup, while Tom Ober '01 suited up for the first time. Andover managed to

come out on top in a game that Coach Kalkstein said, "We made just as hard on ourselves as we could" In his words the team, "managed to stay together, even if we were not poised." All of these problems and penalties would have to be limited if the Blue hoped to win their next game.

These errors could not be eliminated as PA fell to a talented Holderness team, 10-4 on Wednesday. Needless penalties persisted and sloppy passes continued to be made, but this opponent was, "well coached, and capable

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BOYS LACROSSE LOOKS AHEAD TO DEERFIELD

HOPES TO REBOUND

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of taking advantages of all of our mistakes," said Kellogg. He continued on to say, "they had a wide array of plays and could execute them with ease." All of this proved to be too much for the Big Blue to overcome. The usually dominant face off unit could not take control. The offense was not working well, and the defense had a few too many breakdowns. The bright spot of the game had to be Bardo's three goals, all of which were fast

break finishes. Taylor also added a goal from the midfield. The miscues that have been present so far will have to be all but ceased if success is expected in the upcoming games.

The next three games of the season could be the toughest. This Saturday PA will face the Big Green of Deerfield. Then they will travel to New Hampshire to face defending state Champions, Pinkerton. The following contest will put our team against Loomis Chaffee, who is currently ranked third in the nation by Laxpower. The upcoming contests will undoubtedly be tough ones, but if the Andover team can play up to their fullest potential we could be in store for some memorable victories over big time opponents.



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Andover went 1-1 on the week, and here Ian Cropp '01 sets up a play in Saturday's win over Hyde.

Boys Lax Falls to Highly Ranked Deerfield and Pinkerton Teams

TEAM FACES LOOMIS CHAFFEE IN WEEK AHEAD

by Craig Ferarro
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Deerfield | 10 |
| Andover | 4 |
| Andover | 16 |
| Pinkerton | 4 |



This past week, Andover's lacrosse team faced two of the best teams in New England. Both contests resulted in

losses for the Blue, as they were outplayed and outmatched. On Saturday, Deerfield (ranked 6th in New England) traveled to Andover bringing stiff competition for the lax squad. Rounding out the athletic week, on Wednesday the boys traveled to Derry, NH to face the Pinkerton Astros (#5 in New England). They capitalized early, leaving PA with an insurmountable deficit. The Big Blue could not match two powerhouse teams this week.

Fresh off a win against the previously unbeaten Loomis-Chaffee squad, Deerfield arrived in Andover on a roll. PA could not seem to get things going early, as Ian Cropp '01 commented, "It was a gift to be down by only two goals at half time."

The offense could not find a rhythm early, but a good defensive effort kept the blue within reach at 4-2. Our team came out strong to start the second half. The score was level at 4-4 during the third period, but from there the team fell apart.

As Coach Kalkstein reports in his post-game recap, "A few blown chances and errors let the visitors gain a lead, and a rash of penalties on us allowed them to run the score up." We showed potential in the fact that we played such a strong team well initially. But, there are still things that need to be worked on if Andover can expect to win big games.

The Offense did not have a big day against one of the top defensive units in New England, managing only four goals. The midfield production came from a goal each by Isaac Taylor '01 and Jeremy Kellogg '02, with

Justin Eberlein '02 and Jesse Bardo '03 scoring the goals for the attack. The defense was solid throughout most of the game, as the core unit of Braxton Winston '01, Scott Ward '01, and Marc Ward '02 held a powerful offense in check for much of the game. An exceeding amount of penalties let the Big Green pull away, with man-down situations that have plagued the team throughout the year continuing, indicating a need for more discipline.

Some of these problems continued in another tough game. Pinkerton jumped all over the Blue from the very beginning. "They were a composed team who could find the weaknesses in the defense," commented Spencer Bush-Brown '03. The Blue's defense struggled throughout the first half, and the offense was not working well either. "We just didn't play like a team today," remarked Bryce Baschuk '01. After an awful first half, the score was 11-1 in favor of the Astros.

The second half showed some improvement for PA. Although the third quarter was much of the same, in the last period each team scored two goals. This was not nearly enough to dig out of the canyon that Andover had dug for themselves, however, with the fourth quarter goals being too little, too late. The final tally left them with a disappointing 16-4 loss. Bush-Brown, Taylor and Luke LeSaffre '01, provided the only offensive output. The Blue must improve upon their play if they hope to see success throughout the rest of the season.

The beginning of next week will be no let up in terms of strength of opponents. The Blue will venture to Connecticut to play a very strong Loomis-Chaffee squad. Their next game will be somewhat of an easing off, though, facing off against a decent Milton group, who sits in the middle rankings of the ISL. Considering the quality of this week's opponents, the results were not totally unexpected, but mistakes must be limited if the tide is to turn for our reeling lacrosse team.



Isaac Taylor '01

"Isaac is a tenacious player who brings it all out on the field. He's been a pleasure to play with."

—Austin Arensberg '01

by Emily O'Brien
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Isaac Taylor '01 has come a long way from his humble beginnings in the sport of lacrosse in 6th grade. "My first lacrosse game was a mixed success, I scored two goals but I received four penalties because I had no clue how to play." Today, Taylor is a threat from the midfield for any team Big Blue faces. And as captain, he is a team leader both on and off the field.

Taylor began playing lacrosse in 6th grade; he was one of the last of his friends to pick up the sport because baseball had always been his favorite. Despite the late switch and several penalties his first few games, he adjusted quickly to the rules. Lacrosse quickly grew on Isaac, thanks in part to his friends, who he credits as his biggest influence. "When we were younger we used to play lacrosse outside for hours at a time. I think that is where we all really learned how to play."

Taylor grew up in Woodstock VT, where lacrosse is quite popular and successful. Because of the smaller size of the town, a close bond grew between the members of the team, of whom most also played on the same soccer and basketball teams. "From sixth grade through eighth grade my teams in Woodstock only lost about 2 or 3 games total, we were always really good. And because some of my close friends played on the team, it was really fun."

But lacrosse isn't always fun and games. In 7th grade Taylor claimed he had broken his wrist in a game, however, his mom wouldn't believe his diagnosis and the school nurse claimed it was a case of tendonitis. With an aching wrist Isaac still played in a

game that day and scored two goals. But when he got home and shot a basketball that missed the hoop by a foot, he was convinced something was wrong and persuaded his mom to take him to the doctor. It turned out that his wrist had been broken for a week and a half.

Isaac's devotion extends to his leadership as well. "Being a captain has been pretty tough, but a good experience. I am not really a very vocal person so I guess I try to lead by example more than by yelling and screaming. You can definitely feel the extra pressure to perform and to do everything right as a captain. But I like the pressure and I like my team we all get along well so I have had a good time

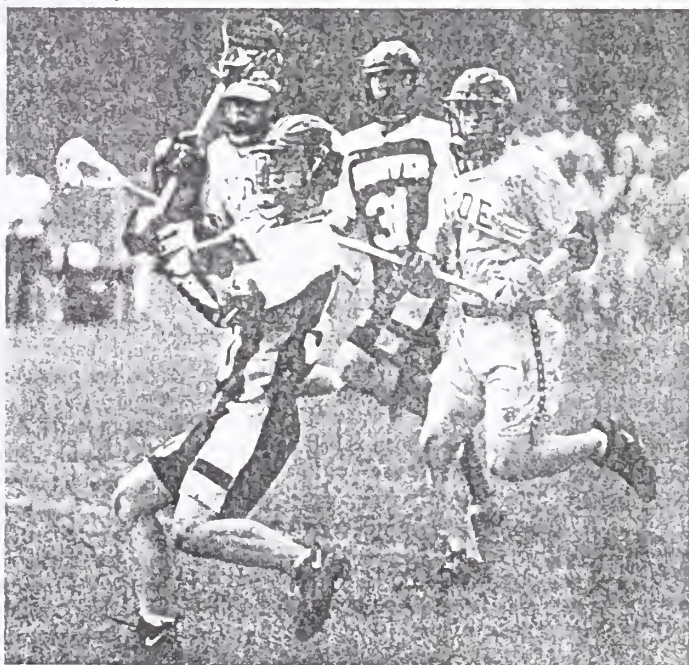
have a pretty good team this year but if we play like we are capable of playing then we can certainly get a win."

Taylor noted that the core of the team this year are the seniors, many of whom are friends of his just as in his youth. "We have a real good group of seniors that have been playing for awhile. Luke Lesaffre and I have been playing together in season and in the summer ever since freshmen year. All the other seniors have a lot of experience and are a really athletic group. I am hoping that we as a class can really carry the team."

As Taylor had hoped the seniors carried the team during last Saturday's tough loss to Deerfield. Despite the loss, Taylor commented positively

about the game. "We really played a great game for three quarters, Eric Chase and our defense really shut down Deerfield. But it took awhile for our offense to really get anything going. When we tied the score at 4-4, I think our team realized how good we could be, because Deerfield is always hyped as one of the best teams in New England. So when we tied the game with them in the third quarter it was really a wake-up call for us to realize how well we are capable of playing."

Taylor is optimistic about the remainder of the season as well as his future in lacrosse. "I am planning on playing at MIT next year. I am not going there to play lacrosse, it is coincidental that they have a lacrosse team, but I think it should be fun to play for four more years. I was recruited to play at a number of other schools, however I choose MIT for the location and the education. But I am excited that they do have a team so I can keep a stick in my hands for four more years."

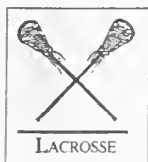


being captain." Teammate Austin Arensberg '01 commented, "Isaac taught me how to play lacrosse. He is a tenacious player who brings it all out on the field. He fools people with his size, and has an amazing base dodge that ruins people. It has been a pleasure to play with him for the past three years." Taylor is hoping to lead the team to a win over Exeter. "I would just really like to beat Exeter because we haven't done that since I have been on the team. Last year we had a great opportunity to and we blew it. They

Big Blue Boys Lacrosse Looks Ahead After Mediocre Season

RECORD STANDS AT 5 WINS, 9 LOSSES ON SEASON

by Craig Ferraro
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2001 was an up and down season for the boys lacrosse team, which saw a string of defeats and some triumphant victories along the way. With one of the toughest schedules in New England, the Blue fought hard every game, and finished with a 5-9 record. Senior leaders guided the team the whole way, while younger newcomers stepped up and grew throughout the season.

On the whole there were a few too many close defeats this season for P.A. The season started soon after spring break. But, due to poor weather, the team could not practice outdoors for the first few weeks of spring. This hindered their performance against a mediocre Governor



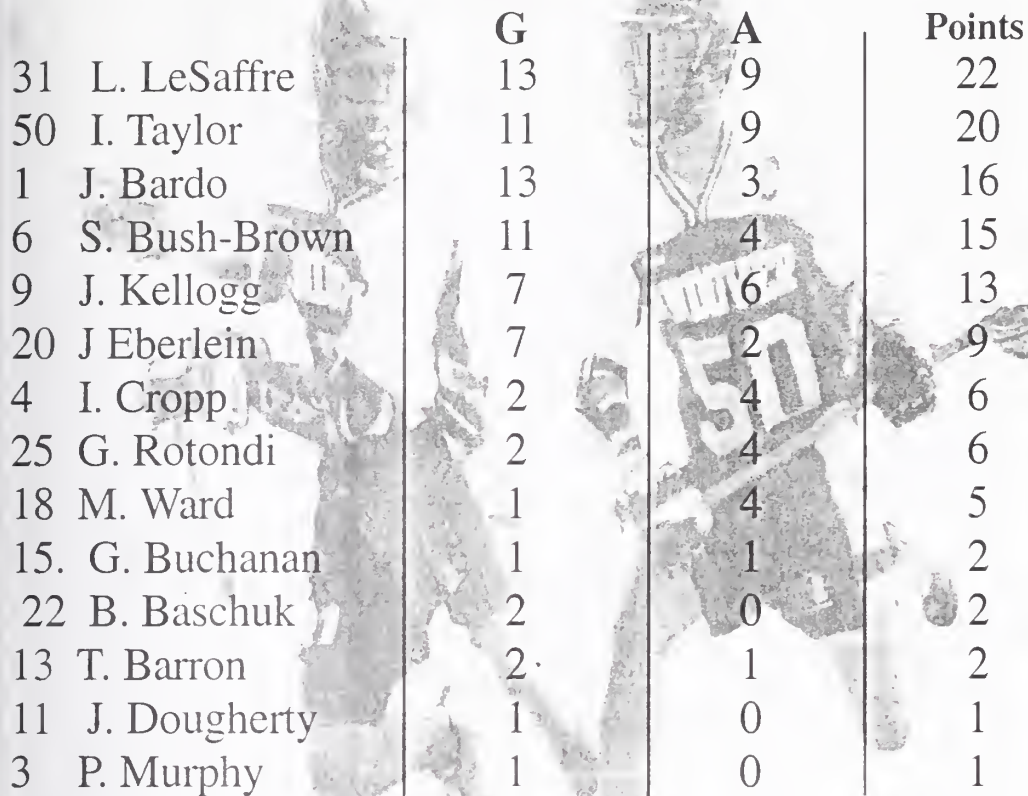
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Led by Captain Isaac Taylor '01, the Boys Lacrosse team pulled through a difficult season.

Dummer team. Andover fell behind early, but soon adjusted to outside play and fought their way back to suffer a close defeat. The team then got back on track with a close win over a scrappy Roxbury Latin squad. The next phase of the season was filled with top quality teams that proved to be too much for the Blue. Bridgeton Academy brought its over-18 only club to Andover. Their squad was full of amazing players who had already had four years of high school experience. Despite a good effort from PA, they suffered a 14-3 defeat. A bit of a break in the schedule came when Hyde visited Andover. The Andover team jumped all over them from the beginning, mounting a huge lead. The Hyde squad would not say die though, and they fought back to a 2-goal defeat. From this point, competition would get extremely tough. Holderness defeated the Blue by a substantial 6 goal margin in a game most felt was played poorly on the Blue side. Next, the very talented Deerfield squad came to Andover. PA played well until the last quarter, keeping the game nearly even. A few miscues towards the end allowed the Big Green to come away with the victory.

The Big Blue next hit the road for New Hampshire to face its defending state champion team, Pinkerton. This powerful, undefeated team came ready to play, and the Blue did not; it was the most lopsided loss of the year. The next team Andover faced was yet another powerhouse, Loomis-Chaffee. PA played well for 3 quarters, but the final period led to a loss. After a slew of top quality teams, Andover got set to play some easier competition. The next contest matched the Blue against Milton Academy, and PA won. This marked what could have been a turnaround for the team, but 1-goal defeats to Kimball Union and St. Paul's got in the way. The squad was determined to put its next opponents away. Tabor came to Andover looking to continue its success. But, the Seawolves looked helpless on land, as blue cruised to a 10-5 victory. St. Mark's trekked to Andover only to be blown out by 6 goals. This past weekend's Andover/Exeter match-up was a

2001 BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE SCORING STATS.



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| 31 L. LeSaffre | 13 | 9 | 22 |
| 50 I. Taylor | 11 | 9 | 20 |
| 1 J. Bardo | 13 | 3 | 16 |
| 6 S. Bush-Brown | 11 | 4 | 15 |
| 9 J. Kellogg | 7 | 6 | 13 |
| 20 J Eberlein | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| 4 I. Cropp | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| 25 G. Rotondi | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| 18 M. Ward | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| 15. G. Buchanan | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 22 B. Baschuk | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 13 T. Barron | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| 11 J. Dougherty | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 3 P. Murphy | 1 | 0 | 1 |

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close, exciting game. The reds came in with only three losses and looked like a heavy favorite. But the Blue fought the whole way giving the Exies all they could handle. However, in the end, we came up a little bit short and Exeter won 7-5.

The team played hard in its last game and throughout the season. This year, much of the leadership came from the Senior midfielders. Captain Isaac Taylor '01 led the team throughout the season by example by his great play. Together with Taylor, Luke LeSaffre '01 carried the scoring load. The attack was comprised of mostly underclassmen who grew a lot during the course of the season and should be strong next year. Outstanding goalies, Eric Chase '01 and Andrew Smith '01, led the defense. The defenders were very athletic and capable of shutting down the opponents' offenses. This year's seniors proved to be a hard working group who led the team through a

tough season.

The large number of returning players for next year looks towards an active off-season that will hopefully prepare them for the upcoming year. PA graduate John Dugan will take over the team for 2002. After a few years coaching at Georgetown Prep. in Washington D. C. , he will bring some valuable experience to Andover. He plans to keep the team busy throughout the summer, fall, and winter. A summer camp, a spring trip, and possibly an indoor winter league will keep the team's skills sharp.

In a season full of extremely difficult match-ups, the lacrosse team proved that they would not quit, salvaging what could have been a bad year. Despite the sub-par record, the squad was very talented. As seniors depart, returning players and players coming up through the ranks will look towards success on the lacrosse field for years to come.

SPORT: Lacrosse - girls

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Lauren Anneberg

MANAGER:

COACH: Kate Dolan

ASSISTANT COACH: Martha Fenton

SEASON RECORD

WON 13 **LOST** 3 **TIED** 0

Letter Winners

Anneberg, Lauren J.
Badman, Barbara S.
Barensfeld, Anna G.
Balichick, Amanda C.
Butler, Louisa C.
Gottlieb, Britt E.
Herrick, Heidi M.
Hudson, Meredith A.
Lewis, Chloe L.
Lewis, Rebecca E.
Locks, Lindsey M.

Locks, Vanessa M.
Mattison, Alice M.
Noero, Sophie M.
Riordan, Anne s.
Spink, Helen C.
Vardaro, Danielle N.
Wadsworth, Natalie H.
Woodin, Heather K.

Lacrosse Girls – Varsity
2000 – 2001

| No. | Name | Class | Pos. | Hometown |
|------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Locks, Vanessa | 01 | M | Philadelphia, PA |
| 2 | Noero, Sophie | 02 | M | St. Louis, MO |
| 3 | Anneberg, Lauren* | 01 | A | Denver, CO |
| 4 | Badman, Barbara | 03 | A | Greenwich, CT |
| 5 | Gottlieb, Britt | 01 | A | Middlebury, VT |
| 7 | Barensfeld, Anna | 02 | M | Ellwood City, PA |
| 8 | Spink, Helen | 02 | D | Valley City, OH |
| 9 | Lewis, Chloe | 02 | D | Brookline, MA |
| 10 | Hudson, Merri | 01 | D | Danvers, MA |
| 11 | Riordan, Anne | 03 | M | Prides Crossing, MA |
| 12 | Lewis, Becca | 02 | A | Denver, CO |
| 13 | Wadsworth, Natalie | 01 | D | Brookline, MA |
| 14 | Herrick, Heidi | 02 | M | Falmouth, ME |
| 17 | Woodin, Heather | 01 | M | Tuscon, AZ |
| 18 | Belichick, Amanda | 03 | D | Weston, MA |
| 21 | Locks, Lindsey | 03 | M | Philadelphia, PA |
| 22 | Vardaro, Danielle | 03 | M | No. Reading, MA |
| 24 | Butler, Louisa | 02 | M | Boston, MA |
| 29 | Mattison, Ali | 02 | G | Osterville, MA |

Girls Lacrosse Takes Pride in Defense: Promising Start in Wednesday's Win

by Dan Shvartsman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

131 goals. 198 points. These are what Andover girls lacrosse lost from their attack in the form of three graduating seniors last year: Christine Anneberg, Ashley Harmeling, and Kate MacMillan.

Despite losing these three hot shots and several other key players from last year's team, hope springs eternal in this year's girls lacrosse squad. With a roster that features ten out of nineteen players new to the varsity team, a revamped team is expected, but a drop-off isn't.

This year's team showcases eight players who played a full season last year, plus one who was called up for the playoffs. Captain Lauren Anneberg '01 will lead the team. Coming off an eight goal, seventeen point season from the attack, she will be all over the field this year, as is common on the team.

Vanessa Locks '01 and Heather Woodin '01, both returning midfielders, represent speed, a highlight of this team. Back to continue her sniper role and also to cover other spots around the field is Anna Barenfeld '02, the leading returning scorer from last year's team.

Last year Andover had a good defense and an explosive attack, but this year the focus is back on the defensive end. "We're going to have a great defense," attests Coach Kate Dolan. "We have a lot of players back from last year, and they can go both ways. They can make the defensive stop and then help up front and score a

goal."

The key returnees are seniors Merri Hudson and Natalie Wadsworth, as well as Lou Butler '02, each of whom made that big stop many times last year and then launched it up to the offense to set up a goal.

And if the defense ever fails to set up the crucial stop, Ali Mattison '02 is back in net to make a save. She was a starter last year and is, now the lone goalie on the roster, an important key to the team's success.

Since the team has not yet practiced outside, the coaches have not had a chance to assess what they're getting from the ten newcomers. Still a common theme among the rookies is their athleticism. "We really need everyone to step up, and they can. The new people can go both ways and we'll need them to score," comments Coach Dolan.

"For specific roles, we're looking to Britt Gottlieb, a new PG, to set up the offense. And we have two new uppers on the team, Sophie Noero and Heidi Herrick, who should bring a lot of speed to the table," Dolan continues.

Anneberg points out another player to keep an eye on. "Danielle Vardaro '03, who was called up to fill in for the N.E. tourney last season and played well, should be a starting defender. She's just a strong all-around athlete. Sophie and Heidi should do well with their speed. And all of the new players bring plenty of energy and enthusiasm to the team."

There is one game that has already been circled on the calendar for the Andover girls: May 5th at Tabor.

"Tabor is probably going to be our rival again and last year they gave us our only two losses, one during the season and one in the NE finals, so we're looking to get back at them," remarks Anneberg. Coach Dolan adds, "It's obviously a big game. They beat us last year and that game is our chance to avenge that."

Ironically, one of this year's strengths stems from the fact that the big three from last year, Anneberg, Harmeling, and MacMillan, are gone. "Last year we relied on [them] to score, and this year we're going to need balance and many scorers throughout the team, which we can do," states Coach Dolan.

Anneberg continues with this theme, saying, "We have a lot of versatility; most of the players on this team can play different positions, whether it's for low defense to high defense or low attack to midfield. Chances are everybody will play multiple positions and we'll be rotating during games and the season in general."

Coach Dolan emphasizes that it's not all about the W's: "[Our goal] is not just to win, it's to maintain the high standards of girls lacrosse we've had at Andover. We want wins, but we also want to be good across the board and have good leadership. I believe the little things lead to the big things — wins."

Anneberg joined in, focusing more on those big things: "Our first goal is really to get outside and actually play all of our games, which is a problem right now. But we want to have a winning season and ultimately win the NE championship."

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Trudi Cloyd '03 surveys the snow-covered lacrosse field.



Britt Gottlieb '01

"Britt is a great player and friend. She is a dedicated player and can never get enough credit for it."

—Lauren Anneberg '01

by Emily O'Brien
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Britt Gottlieb '01, a Vermont First Team All-State lacrosse pick her junior and senior year, brings talent, a drive to win, and experience to this year's PA Varsity lacrosse team. Despite these accomplishments Coach Dolan noted "Britt is really unassuming and doesn't require or seek a lot of attention. She just does her thing. She is a huge boost to the team offensively."

Britt calls Middlebury, VT home, where she began playing lacrosse in 4th grade. After the high school lacrosse coach saw her playing basketball, she encouraged Gottlieb to give lacrosse a try.

She picked it up quickly and easily; one of her first memories of lacrosse is scoring her first goal against a rival team. However, her growing love for the game and early success is due in part to a number of influences, including her high school coach, and especially her mom.

"My high school coach has been a motivating force on and off the field for me throughout high school. Her positive reinforcement and energetic attitude was one that every teammate admired and helped bring us to a higher level of play every year." Her coach wasn't her only influence; her mom has also played a large role. "I would have to say my biggest influence is my mom. She would always tell me how she thought I did at the end of each game, even if I did not want to hear it. She took days off from work to come support me with the rest of the parents, and talked to me after each game to tell me how I might improve for the next game. And even after graduating, she still comes to three hours to watch me play, which really means a lot to me."

Gottlieb played for Middlebury Union High School which has boasted a 40-0 record over the past three years and is the three-year defending division one state champion. Britt played attack and defense wing as well as home, which she currently plays at PA. She loved playing for Middlebury and has fond memories. "A theme at Middlebury is to wear camouflage headbands, orange socks, and our black kilts and white jersey which makes us look pretty intimidat-

ing. It was always fun after the State Championship game to have the opportunity to carry the big orange jug filled with ice cold water and dump it over our coaches' heads. My most memorable moments have been winning three State Championships with my closest teammates, ten of whom graduated last year."

After graduating from Middlebury High last spring Britt opted to take a PG year. "I applied to PA because of the great education and the wide array of classes it has to offer. Also, the size of the school is much like a small college, which will prepare me for my next four years. By taking a post graduate year at Andover, I wanted to grow intellectually and to also fine tune my athletic skills and game sense." As far as fine tuning her game sense goes, Gottlieb has had to adjust her game. "It is different when you are on a team with your closest friends and knowing each others game sense and where they will be on the field, as opposed to coming to a new team as a post graduate and having to adjust to their style of play." Gottlieb seems to have succeeded at the transition. Coach Dolan noted, "Britt worked really hard during lacrosse basics over the winter. She is solid offensively with a good cradle, strong shot, and she is intelligent with the ball."

As a PG, she also brings experience, which has benefited our younger players." Lauren Anneberg '01 commented, "Britt is a great player and friend. I respect her as an athlete; she strikes a balance between having fun and seriousness. She is also a dedicated player and hard worker, especially behind the scenes, and can never get enough credit for it. We're happy she decided to take a PG year here; she is a great asset to the team." Lacrosse, however, isn't the only sport Gottlieb has played at PA.

Gottlieb was tri-captain her senior year for field hockey and for the three years she was a part of the team, the team was Division 1 State Champions, Co-Champs and Runner up. She was named First Team All-State pick her junior and senior year and was picked to play in the VT/NH twin state game. After playing for the field hockey team in the fall and now the lacrosse team, Gottlieb is hesitant to pick a favorite and states that she

likes whichever sport is in season.

Gottlieb, after an excellent field hockey season has high hopes and lofty goals for lacrosse. "Our team has a tremendous amount of speed, which is good for fast break situations, and our defense is unstoppable. I think if we can stay poised on offense and execute our plays, along with making a pretty transition of passing down the field starting from our goalie all the way to our goal, we will be prepared to go all the way. As an individual I hope to take it one game at a time, and do whatever needs to be done (either setting up a play, or going for the goal) to lead this team to a winning season, and hopefully to win my fourth championship game." Gottlieb hopes to become more comfortable using her left hand in game situations and also "To up the volume!" as Coach Dolan has told her when she is calling the plays. Britt hopes that in the future the offense will settle down and notes that patience is a virtue. Saturday's game was a success, and Gottlieb commented, "The highlight of the game for me was that we worked well as a unit and the offensive plays were successful. I am confident that we are learning when to take the one on one and when to settle."

Gottlieb also has some long term goals in mind and has her eye on a college career. "Without athletics I would be a completely different person. The lessons I have learned in practice and on the field have become a part of who I am. It would be almost impossible to separate athletics from my life because it has been so engrained into my life and helped to shape the person I have become. I feel that the only way to be fully satisfied with my life is to continue to be involved with athletics at a highly competitive level. I have been very proud to call myself a student-athlete and hope to continue playing field hockey and lacrosse next year."

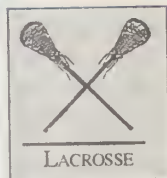
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GIRLS LACROSSE SEALS DUAL WIN OVER KUA, NMH

BRITT GOTTLIEB LEADS

by Dan Shvartsman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 14 |
| KUA | 1 |
| Andover | 13 |
| NMH | 5 |



Three minutes. That's all it took to clinch the game for the girls' lacrosse team last Friday against Kimball Union Academy.

Britt Gottlieb '01, a new PG on the team, led the way with four goals, as Andover romped to a 14-1 victory. Merri Hudson '01 scored her first regular season goals ever, picking up two goals, and Captain Lauren Anneberg '01 added a couple of goals in the win, as Andover opened the season with a 2-0 week with the win over NMH on Wednesday.

With warm but windy weather, Andover came out ready to play. Anneberg drew a penalty right in front of the net, and immediately out home, the shot to send Andover up 1-0. Then,

off the draw Lou Butler '02 fed Anneberg for her second goal of the game. Butler then tallied her own off an interception, making it 3-0. And then the girls went to their bread and butter, nailing a coast-to-coast connection to score. Natalie Wadsworth '01 launched it up to Heather Woodin '01, who immediately relayed it to Gottlieb, who sent it home. Gottlieb scored again with an assist from Anneberg, ending a quick run in the first eight minutes, as Andover jumped to a 5-0 lead.

Then Andover hit one of their problems, inconsistency, as they struggled throughout the rest of the half. After the KUA goalie made a nice save on a tough shot by Gottlieb, Vanessa Locks '01 got a chance with a penalty shot but couldn't find the back of the net. The defense proceeded to simply crumble as a KUA attacker slipped by to shoot uncontested. Ali Mattison '02 hadn't seen a shot in the net yet and was ill prepared to stop this one, as KUA got on the board, leaving the score at 6-1. The defense managed to reclaim some dignity as Danielle Vardaro '03 made a huge defensive play, efficiently clearing the ball out of the zone. Mattison then made a big save on another KUA attempt.

Vanessa Locks followed by taking a loose ball at midfield and racing in to put it home, bringing the score to 7-1. Andover, however, was getting continually frustrated in attempts to add more as the KUA defense and goalie stepped it up to slow down the offense while also setting up their own chances on the Andover side. Anneberg looked to have another goal but it was called back. Andover would have to stay at 7 for the half, and went into halftime up 6 but ready to break it wide open.

The second half was similar to the first, as the Blue had no trouble stopping KUA, shutting them out for the half. On the offensive end, it was more of the same, as some goals were scored and other shots just missed. A nice series of passing from Sophie Noero '02 to Britt Gottlieb finished in a goal for Heather Woodin. Anneberg again was denied, this time by the crossbar. Merri Hudson then picked up her first goal ever in regulation, much to the joy of the crowd, off a penalty shot.

By this point it was academic. Lindsey Locks '03 helped set up her sister Vanessa for a goal, passing to Becca Lewis '02 who passed it on to the older Locks for a well-planned goal. Lewis was then rewarded with a pass from Anna Barendsfeld '02, who managed to find Becca all alone in front, setting her up for a goal to make it 11-1. Vanessa the elder put in her third goal with

Girls Lacrosse Destroys KUA by 13 Victory Over NMH Ends Perfect Week

another jaunt from midfield and then Hudson did the same thing as she bounced in her second of the game. The scoring was topped off when Chloe Lewis '02 launched it up to Gottlieb who made a "nasty" move, as it was dubbed on the sidelines, to score a goal.

On Wednesday, Andover ventured to the frozen tundra at N.M.H. Led by a good multi-faceted attack, they walked to a 13-5 victory over the lesser Lady Hoggers. Britt Gottlieb again led the way, scoring three goals, with Anna Barendsfeld also picking up a hat trick. Anne Riordan '03 and Vanessa Locks each added two tallies, with Lauren Anneberg, Barbara Badman '03, and Danielle Vardaro '03 each collecting a goal. But consistency, or lack thereof, still plagued the girls as a lackluster second half left a sour taste in their mouths.

The first half showed the potential the Big Blue has, as they came out firing on all cylinders. They jumped out to a 9-3 lead, with some good midfield passing playing a big role. Coach Dolan remarked, "We had a pretty good first half, and looked good out there." In the second half, however, the level of play tailed off and they only managed to put up three goals. "We're still looking for consistency out there," said Dolan.

When asked whether the let-down was due to the big lead and overconfidence she replied, "I'm not sure, that might have been it but we've done it before."

After the game Amanda Belichick '03 commented, "We basically dominated the whole game. We played really well in midfield, our strong point. We pressured the ball well and our defense was strong. We had a lot of good shots, too." Lauren Anneberg '01 added, "It wasn't our best game but we played well. We had really good midfield transitions and full-field passing. Our double teams worked well too. We're still working on offense and getting to know each other and the plays, since it's still the beginning of the season. But we're already doing well. We had a lot of different people score, which was good. Ali played a really nice game also, she had a lot of really nice saves." Amanda agreed, "Ali had a really strong game in net." Coach Dolan wasn't fully pleased, though. "It was a big let-down in the second half and we need to prevent that. The defense played a good game, but we just have to do a better job catching and throwing the ball." So with that to work on, Andover prepares to play Harvard JV on Friday.



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KUA proved no match for Andover's girls lacrosse team. Captain Merri Hudson '02 led the team to a 14-1 win.

Andover Girls Lacrosse Cruises With Victories Over Holderness, Harvard

by Dan Shvartsman
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| Andover | 17 |
| Holderness | 3 |
| Andover | 16 |
| Harvard JV | 2 |

Andover continued to tune-up against lesser opponents in preparation for their biggest games, Taft and Tabor, as they romped to victories over Harvard JV and Holderness last week. With the consistency Coach Dolan has been searching for slowly emerging, the girls seem primed to step it up for the real competition, starting Saturday, at Taft.



early against Holderness. Playing their first game on their regular field in Siberia, they started off the drubbing with five quick goals, scored by Britt Gottlieb '01, Danielle Vardaro '03, Merri Hudson '01, and Vanessa Locks '01, who put in two. Holderness finally got on the board with some good pressure on the Andover side, as they managed to put one past Ally Mattison '02. While Andover was in the middle of a lapse, Barbara Badman '03 still was able to prove herself to be a force in the offensive zone, and picked up a goal when she was left all alone in front of the net. Holderness still threatened to close the gap, forcing Mattison to make a few nice saves but finally netting a second goal, making it a 6-2 game.

Lou Butler '02 swung the momentum back to the home team's side by forcing a turnover at midfield. Then after struggling to pick up the ball, she

finally raced in and went top shelf on the goalie with ease. Badman continued to make her presence felt, getting off a couple nice shots and drawing an unsuccessful penalty.

Britt Gottlieb then set up a play in the back of the net and fed Captain Lauren Anneberg '01 out front for a goal. Badman then drew another penalty and this time converted for a goal. Anne Riordan '03 then set up Anneberg with a cross-field pass and Lauren put it home for her 2nd goal. Andover closed out the half up 10-2.

The 2nd half started out slow for Andover, as Holderness kept the pressure on Mattison. Anneberg then started out a play from the back of the net

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Seniors Goettlieb, Locks, Hudson Pave Way for Blue, Net Two Goals Each

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and found Anna Barendsfeld '02 for a goal. The Holderness goalie stepped up her play, denying both Badman and Barendsfeld on good chances. Then Butler made one of the better plays of the year, finding Barendsfeld across the field and giving her an easy scoring opportunity, which Anna converted. Holderness then got some good chances against Ally, but she was up to the task, at one point making a save while stumbling backwards. Barendsfeld then helped out Riordan to a goal. Sophie Noero got into the act, feeding Anneberg for her 3rd goal of the game. Riordan then scored another off an outlet pass and breakaway. She then set up Anneberg again, making it 15-2. Andover didn't let down, continuing the pressure in front of the net, which led to Becca Lewis '02 scoring on a pass from Danielle Vardaro.

Holderness closed out the scoring, taking advantage of an Andover defensive breakdown to score one more time and ended the game at 17-3. Coach Dolan was pleased with the result. "We had a good 2nd half and Lauren Anneberg played really well. It's hard to keep playing these weaker opponents, so we're ready to see some tougher teams."

Last Friday the girls ventured to Harvard for a game with the Crimson JV. Playing what Coach Dolan termed, "their best game of the year", the girls played a balanced game, winning 16-2. They put up eight goals in each half and eleven different players tallied. Anna Barendsfeld and Sophie Noero each put in three, Vanessa Locks had two; and Gottlieb, Anneberg, Butler, Badman, Vardaro, Hudson, Heather

Woodin '01, and Amanda Belichick each had a goal.

Dolan was effusive in praising the team. "We had a great game. We got fantastic balance with eleven scorers, and we did a great job controlling the draws and dominating the midfield. It was great for them to see just how well they can play, and if they play like that, they can beat anybody."

Now all eyes are pointed towards the game at Taft this weekend. These two teams have some past history as

Taft won in OT at home two years ago, and Andover retaliated with a big win at home last year. Taft has already kept it close with another top team, Loomis, and really looks like the team to beat. Dolan commented, "We know they're looking for some revenge but if we play our game, we can win this." Riding high on some easy wins, this hopeful outlook seems quite warranted.



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Barbara Badman '03 races towards a free ball against an opponent in the Varsity Girls' Lacrosse game.



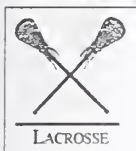
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Heidi Herrick '02 creates a scoring opportunity in Wednesday's game against Holderness. The team downed Holderness and Harvard JV, outscoring their opponents 33-5.

Girls Lacrosse Nets Biggest Game Of Season vs. Tabor; Sweet Revenge

by Dan Shvartsman
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| Andover | 8 |
| Taft | 7 |
| Andover | 15 |
| BB&N | 5 |



Andover is turning into an all-around powerhouse. In their biggest week to date, the Blue beat Taft in a come from behind

victory and then followed that up with a 15-5 thumping of a solid BB&N team. Andover now has the quest for revenge to fuel them towards a battle with Tabor, the only team to beat them a year ago.

The biggest game of the year was last Saturday, as the girls traveled to Taft for a difficult game. The teams were 1-1 over the last two years and Taft was looking to jump back on top. Early on, rapid back and forth play resulted in a 3-3 tie at the half. Then Andover hit a lull, and the home team capitalized, going on a 3-0 run to stake themselves to a seemingly dominant 6-3 lead. Led by some fabulous net minding from Ally Mattison '02, the Blue charged back and took a 7-6 lead with four unanswered goals. Then in one of the more bizarre plays of the year, Mattison was called for a penalty and pulled out of the net. The shooter took advantage of the empty net to tie it up. With the game seemingly heading for the 2nd OT game in 3 years in the

series. Captain Lauren Anneberg '01 came up big with a goal from eight meters out with only three minutes left. Andover managed to hold on and came up with a very big win.

The girls' impressed each other and their coach alike. Lou Butler '02 remarked, "It was probably the biggest game of the year along with Tabor and Loomis, so it was a really big win. It was a physical and hectic game at first, but we had heart and hung in there for the comeback. We don't give up easily and played very smart at the end." Coach Dolan continues, "They were gritty and weren't going to give up. We caused our own turnovers and Taft was good enough to take advantage, but it was a good sign that we kept fighting and pulled it out."

Even after such a big game, they thrashed BB&N. Anna Barenfeld '02 created the first goal by recovering her own rebound and setting up a play that led to an Anne Riordan '03 score. After unsuccessful penalty shots for both sides, Vanessa Locks '01 took advantage of a reset and put one home. Riordan followed with a similar jaunt leading to her 2nd tally of the game. BB&N then had a spectacular play as an attacker weaved through four or five Andover defenders to take a scoring shot. Locks answered with her 2nd of the game, making it 4-1.

The two teams then were frustrated by strong defense and goaltending, as both Mattison and her BB&N counterpart made big saves. Finally Butler put an end to the brief drought by sprinting three quarters of the field and using a

double deke to find the back of the net. Danielle Vardaro '03 then used her size to go right over the goalie and gave Andover a 6-1 lead. Then an errant pass from Barenfeld was picked up by Barbara Badman '03 and turned into another goal. Britt Gottlieb '01 finally picked up a goal to make it 8-1. Andover couldn't close out the half though, as BB&N's good pressure towards the end created a goal with 12 seconds left.

BB&N's momentum carried over to the 2nd half, as they opened with a quick goal. Gottlieb then cracked through after a series of failed attempts to bring the Blue back to a six-goal lead. Butler then made a great pass to find Sophie Noero '02, who did the rest, making it 10-3. Vardaro added another to widen the gap. But BB&N wasn't finished and added two quick goals to give them some hope of keeping close. Badman, scoring on a run-around the net, helped silence these thoughts. Barenfeld then found Locks for a goal from the circle edge. Then Noero forced a turnover that led to a Gottlieb goal. Andover added one more in the final minute as Heidi sprinted off the draw and set up Riordan for her 3rd.

The theme for this game was the strong defense. Dolan claimed, "We had trouble keeping control, but our defense had a very strong day." Butler added to this, saying, "We had a really strong day on D and just need to work on the little things like picking up ground balls and being more patient." Dolan echoed, "We still need to hang onto the ball better, but we're becoming more and more consistent."

This weekend brings the 3rd in a stretch of 5 tough games for the girls, as they look for revenge against the Sea Wolves of Tabor. "I want to really get back at them, because they really took the game to us last year," commented Butler. Dolan wouldn't narrow her focus though. "Obviously we want to get back at them, but this is just one of three more tough games, with G.D.A. and especially Loomis being big games. So we want to win, but this isn't it." Whatever the case may be, the girls are at the top of their game and look ready to pick up those next three wins, and maybe more satisfying, their revenge.

Double Victory for Girls Lax

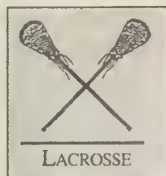


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In last Wednesday's game against BB&N, two-year varsity veteran Louisa Butler '02 evades two defenders for PA's fifth tally. -see p. 10

Girls Lax Caps 13-3 Season With Victory Over BB&N at EIL Tourney

by Dan Shvartsman
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In the end, all is well for the Girls Lacrosse team. After one of the harder seasons in a while, the girls climaxed with a dominant run through the Eastern Independent League Invitational Tournament, beating BB&N in the finals for the 3rd time this season. That victory, added to a win on Wednesday against Groton, led the team to a 13-3 record, their most wins in a season in over 4 years, with a game still to play against Exeter.

The girls went to Lexington Christian for the new style tournament on May 19. Rather than an eight-team single elimination tourney, this year it was a 3-game round robin tournament with the top two teams in each pool advancing to the semifinals. All the games were only one half long. Andover drew BB&N, Windsor, and Pingree. Their first game was against BB&N, a team that they beat 15-5 the first time at home. This game was a little closer, but the girls managed to pull off a 9-7 win. Then they played Windsor again, after beating them 13-4 earlier in the season. On this day it was a near replay, in half the time, as they won again 13-4. Then they dominated a weaker foe in Pingree, marching to a 13-0 win and a berth in the semifinals.

While the Big Blue prepared for Milton, their semifinal opponent, a possible match up with rival Tabor still loomed in the finals. However, while Andover duelled with the Brončos,

BB&N managed to knock off Tabor and reach the finals. Taking care of business, Andover beat Milton in a tight low-scoring game, 4-3. They got their 3rd game of the season against the Knights. Working in the same mechanical fashion as they had all season the girls pulled out another win, this time 7-3. This victory brought the trophy home to Andover for the 2nd time in 3 years.

Coach Dolan was quite pleased with the tourney performance and the season. "They saw that they can play really well when they want to. The games we lost we played badly in. The other teams played well, but we realized that we controlled our own destiny." Big performances in the tournament were turned in by Barbara Badman '03 and, in her one of her last days of high school competition, Captain Lauren Anneberg '01.

Overall there was no doubt this season was a success. It started with a romp at home against K.U.A., which finished 14-1. This game featured the emergence of post-graduate Britt Gottlieb '01, who scored four goals and set the offensive presence that she would prove to be all season. In the 2nd game of the season, the girls visited N.M.H. and walked away with a 13-5 victory, in which Gottlieb and Anna Barendsfeld '02 each had three goals. They weren't a well-oiled machine quite yet though, as they couldn't play consistently through out the game, but they were still winning big.

They then continued to beat up on weaker teams, dominating the Harvard JV team 16-2 in what Coach Dolan at the time said was, "our best game of the year." Anna Barendsfeld had her



Barbara Badman '03 tries to beat the opposing goalie to the ball in tough 8-12 loss to Governor Dummer Academy.

second straight hat trick and new upper Sophie Noero '02 matched it. Then they played Holderness and took a 17-3 win. Anneberg led the way with four goals. Andover was beginning to get frustrated with weaker teams and primed to play a big game against Taft.

Taft proved to be one of the highlights of the season, as Andover came

from behind to win 8-7. They fell behind 6-3 midway through the 2nd half and seemed deep in trouble. But they scored 4 unanswered goals to go up 7-6. Then after a penalty gave Taft an empty net shot to tie the game, Lauren Anneberg scored the winner from 8-meters out, raising Andover's record to 5-0. They then beat BB&N easily

15-5, with Anne Riordan '03 having a breakout performance, scoring three goals.

Next up were the top teams. They first played Tabor on the road, and after leading through out the game, got into troubles with the referee, and after

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Girls Lax Trounces Exeter in Last Game 11-2

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losing Merri Hudson '01 with about 20 minutes left, struggled on both ends, and eventually lost 12-10. Coming off this they looked to recuperate at home against G.D.A., but it was not to be. Falling behind early on, they could never climb over the hump and take the lead in the game. They came with-

in 8-7, and had three good chances either saved by the opposing goalie or hit the crossbar, and G.D.A. finally broke through and scored to make it 9-7. Andover countered with another goal from Vanessa Locks '01, but G.D.A. then scored the last three goals to come away with a 12-8 win. Andover then played the #2 team in

N.E., Loomis-Chaffee. A close start was encouraging, and the girls only trailed 3-2 with a couple minutes to go in the 1st half. But then a three-goal burst from Loomis effectively ended the game, as they went on to win 10-3.

Andover had only one game left before the tournament, and they crushed Windsor 13-4. Gottlieb, again quarterbacking the offense, led the way with four goals. This game was enough for the girls to get their confidence back for the tourney. After the tourney they played two games. The first was Groton at home, and they cruised to a 15-4 success. Lauren Anneberg led the way, scoring the first three goals and finishing with four. Lindsey Locks '03 also had a good game, scoring two goals, both on tough shots. They finished the season with an 11-2 win over Exeter.

Overall there can be no complaints about this season. It saw the end of Andover careers for seniors Lauren Anneberg, Merri Hudson, Vanessa Locks, Natalie Wadsworth, and Britt Gottlieb, and they go out as champions. Their presences on the team will be missed, and the depth of the program severely tested next year. But Andover has survived good seniors leaving for a while and look to do it again, while defending their title this time



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First-year Varsity member Anne Riordan '03 took charge against BB&N, scoring three goals.

SPORT: Softball

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAINS: Karen Friedlander, Erica Hubbard

MANAGER:

COACH: Karen Kennedy

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH: Peg Harrigan, Leslie Boucher

SEASON RECORD.

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Letter Winners

Anderson, Jane E.
Collins, Danielle E.
Conley, Camille A.
Curry, Reed A.
Dickerson, Devon J.
Friedlander, Karen P.
Grote, Emily T.
Hubbard, Erica A.

Martin, Katherine C.
May, Ashley E.
Saraidaridis, Jeanette M.

Softball – Varsity

2000 – 2001

| Name | Pos. | Class | Hometown |
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| Jane Anderson | LF | 2003 | Concord, NH |
| Danielle Collins | P/1 st | 2004 | Lowell, MA |
| CamilleConley | CF | 2001 | Santa Ana, CA |
| Reed Curry | OF | 2001 | Blue Mountain Lake, NY |
| Devon Dickerson | OF | 2004 | Pasadena, CA |
| Karen Friedlander * | LF | 2001 | Bronx, NY |
| Emily Grote | LF/C | 2002 | Wellesley, MA |
| Erica Hubbard * | P/OF | 2001 | Bradford, MA |
| Emily Izenstein | C | 2001 | Longmeadow, MA |
| Stefanie Kovach | 1 st | 2002 | Media, PA |
| Katherine Leonard | | 2002 | Lawrence, MA |
| Katherine Martin | OF | 2001 | Lowell, MA |
| Ashley May | OF/SS | 2003 | South Deerfield, MA |
| Jeanette Saraidaridia | OF | 2003 | Reading, MA |

SOFTBALL FALLS TO NOBLE SQUAD

BLUE FALLS IN SCRIMMAGE

Despite Tough Loss, PA Softball Feels Ready for Real Season

by Katherine Leonard
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Noble
Andover

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This past Friday, girls' varsity softball took on the very competitive team of Noble High School.

Noble, located in

Maine, presented Big Blue with quite a challenge over the course of the seven inning scrimmage. This was the second scrimmage for Andover, and proved to be another opportunity to "assess the stage that we are at in our season and find our potential," as Coach Karen Kennedy noted.

The first inning proved to be the most trying of the game for PA. In the top half, Noble scored three times on two hits and had six batters reach base. However, Emmy Grote '02 did not lose her composure while pitching, and came back to strike out two in that same inning. In the bottom of the inning, Andover answered back when Casey Martin '02 was driven in by a screaming line drive from Co-captain Karen Friedlander '01.

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Andover looked more confident during the remainder of the game, not allowing another Noble player to cross the plate until the fourth inning and demonstrating much sounder defense. In the fourth inning, a highlight came from Danielle Collins '04 when she struck out the side with the bases loaded. Catcher Emily Izenstein '01 commented, "She showed a lot of self-control and maturity in that situation, especially for a ninth grader; it is very promising to see these qualities in a young player." From the fifth inning on, pitcher Co-captain Erica Hubbard '01 shut down the Noble High School bats, allowing minimal hits over her three innings of relief work. After the game, Hubbard commented, "It felt good to get out on the field and dominate the other team, and I felt reassured knowing that I had solid defense behind me."

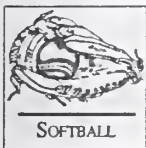
Overall, although the Blue suffered a defeat at the hands of Noble, the team looks ready to start to play actual games. Said Coach Kennedy, "The team has been sorting out the new coach and each other and has generally been in an assessment stage. We are all looking now to exit the 'sorting phase' within the next week and accept and enhance individual roles." By leaving the organizing period of the season, Andover hopes to grow and learn from its mistakes and get to a point where Big Blue can dominate the competition once again. In order to do this, Coach Kennedy advised the team to make the choice to move ahead, to adopt a winning attitude, to take responsibility for its mistakes and, moreover, not to repeat them. If this good advice is taken seriously, the team should be able to look forward to a successful season, continuing Andover softball's history of excellence.

Andover anticipates a double header this Saturday against Worcester Academy and Stonleigh Burnham, and as Coach Kennedy noted, "Everyone is looking forward to the double header on Saturday and to getting into the season."

Andover Notches Five Runs In First And Third After Tiebreaker, Then Squeaks by Worcester

by Katherine Leonard
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 17 |
| NMH | 1 |
| Andover | 4 |
| Worcester | 3 |



Girls' Varsity softball finally began its official season this past weekend, crushing Northfield Mount

Herman in six innings and beating Worcester Academy in eight. Having had numerous games cancelled, Big Blue was eager to get off to a good start. Co-captain Karen Friedlander '01 noted after the game: "It felt very good to take the first two games of the season; it was very important that we got off on the right foot, and that's what we did."

In the first game against Northfield Mount Herman, the Andover girls came out swinging, literally. In the first inning, they scored five runs,

highlighted by a double from Emmy Grote '02, which drove in Casey Martin '02. Later that inning, Grotto, Friedlander, Katherine Leonard '02 and Camille Conley '01 scored on errors by the weaker NMH squad. The Andover momentum continued when, in the bottom of the inning, Co-captain Erica Hubbard '01 struck out the side.

Andover came back to put up another five runs in the third inning, with hits contributed by Martin, Grotto, Hubbard, Conley, Reed Curry '01 and Jane Anderson '03. And Andover was not done. Blue went on to score seven more runs in the game, including two on a home run by Hubbard in the sixth inning. These two runs qualified Andover for the Mercy Rule, a fifteen run lead after the fifth inning, which ended the game in six innings. As exciting as this was for veteran Hubbard, nothing could top her striking out fifteen batters, out of a possible eighteen outs, over the course of the game, including striking out the last eight batters she faced. Hubbard went on to say, "I didn't realize that I had struck out so many of [the NMH players] until I looked at the score book after the game, and then I was simply elated."

In the second game of the double header, the Andover girls took on a more challenging team, Worcester

Academy. For this game Danielle Collins '04 was on the mound and looking for her first official win in an Andover uniform. She quickly settled in and faced the minimum number of batters over the first three innings. During this time, she received defensive support from her catcher, Emily Izenstein '01. During the first three innings, Blue put up one run on the score board and took several walks as the Worcester pitcher struggled to find the plate.

In the fourth inning, Worcester scored three times on an errant throw. However, Andover was quick to answer back and scored twice in the bottom half of the inning. The score would stay at three apiece, and would require one extra inning to decide the outcome. Using the International Tiebreaker, where a runner starts on second base, Worcester failed to take advantage of the runner in scoring position. Andover did score, with Friedlander starting on second base, moving over to third base on a wild pitch, and then getting driven in by the game winning base hit from Conley. The PA victory was a testament to the heart of the team. If the girls can continue to play with this type of emotion, there will be a winning season in store for Andover.



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Softball Captain Erica Hubbard '01 pitches to an opponent at last Saturday's game.

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Erica Hubbard '01

"Erica has a sound foundation in her knowledge of the game. She has seen a lot of softball and team play in general and understands what it is to be part of a team."

—Coach Karen Kennedy

by Emily O'Brien
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Ever since senior Erica Hubbard's softball coaches advanced her to the next age group so that her strength and size wouldn't result in injuries to other kids, she has continued to intimidate others with her phenomenal play. Hubbard began playing tee-ball at age six and then switched to baseball, which she played through 4th grade. When she moved from New Hampshire to Bradford, Mass., the athletic director advised her mom to enter her into the softball program with the other girls. "My first memory of softball was the tryouts. I was a tall kid for my age and the weather was bad so we were in a small gym. I hit the ball like never before, I felt huge because the kids seemed so fragile."

Hubbard has been attached to the sport ever since that day in the gym. "I started playing in a 14 and under summer ball league when I was 12 years old. I played for the same team, the Bay State Brats, for the majority of my summer years. We were a bunch of young kids who thought that our name was the most creative, cool thing that ever hit summer ball. Our catcher, Katharine Leonard '02, played with me on this team." Erica's game during these summer seasons was most influenced by her grandfather. "My biggest influence has actually been my grandfather. He has been there for me through everything. When I decided to become a pitcher he would work from

5 am until 3 PM, come pick me up, and then we would either go to a gym or the field to pitch and hit and practice. Those times are what have taught me that hard work does pay off. I have seen many coaches since then, but my grandfather has been my biggest, most important influence."

She made the decision to matriculate to PA in part because of some great conversations with former softball coach Mr. Drench, the diversity of the campus, and a little persuasion from her parents. Despite adjusting to her first softball season at PA, Erica fondly remembers her freshman season. "To this day I think my most memorable moment playing softball was my first time at the plate for Andover as a freshman. I was terrified. I was pitching well, but I have always had confidence in that, but not as much confidence in my hitting abilities.. I stepped up to the plate and hit the first pitch over the fence for an out of the park homerun."

Hubbard's positive experience with PA softball has carried over to her 4th season on the team. "First and foremost the kids are great. Everyone on the team gives one hundred and ten percent. Letting up a hit that looks like it is going to do damage does not leave a pitcher with a good feeling but then out of nowhere Camille Conley '01 appears to make the catch. Those are the times that I feel the most a part of a team. Karen Friedlander '01, my co-captain never ceases to amaze me. She is constantly teaching me how to think as a unit."

Despite her out of the park home run freshman year, Hubbard wants to improve her hitting this season. "Defense has always been my strong suit. Hopefully this season will allow my offensive game to gain a little ground." Her game according to Coach Kennedy has always been strong. "Erica has a sound foundation in her knowledge of the game. She has seen a lot of softball and team play in general and understands what it is to be part of a team. Her experience is a real asset because we have a young team this year. She has been there and done that, and knows how to handle all types of situations. She can pass this knowledge on to the younger members of the team."

The experience that Coach Kennedy mentioned was a real asset to Erica during last weekend's game. "During the game I started off very strong, slowly lost my focus and concentration, and allowed two hits and a run to score. Luckily my catcher, Lenny helped me get it back and finish the last two innings striking out 6 batters."

Katherine Leonard '02 noted however, that despite Erica's apparent lapse, Hubbard played a great game. "She struck out 15 and hit a homerun. Everyone knows she can throw hard, but she also has off speed pitches that keep the hitters off balance and guessing. Her pitching was really on, and no one can get a hit off of her when she is pitching well."

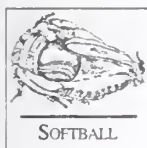


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Camille Conley '01 drives a triple in the fourth inning against Cushing contributing to Andover's second win of the week.

Softball Crushes Three Opponents

by Emily Izenstein and
Katherine Leonard
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



The Andover Girls' Varsity Softball team proved that they are heading into another great season, as they came

away from this week with a 3-1 record. After a hard loss to the Brooks School, the Blue returned with wins over

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Cushing Academy, Tabor Academy, and Phillips Exeter Academy.

On a chilly and windy Thursday, Andover took on the Brooks School. The game started out strongly for Andover as Co-captain Erica Hubbard '01 threw hitless pitches through three and two thirds innings, including nine strikeouts. Unfortunately, after the leadoff Brooks batter slapped a hit off of Hubbard, Andover made two throwing errors to allow her to score and give Brooks the winning score. The crux of the game for Andover was not its defense, but rather its lack of offense. Blue was held to only five hits all game by the Brooks hurlers. "It was a rough game for us," commented Co-captain Karen Friedlander '01, "we were tired, and just didn't seem to have the fire that we had had on Saturday."

Two days later, the girls were looking to put the tough loss to Brooks behind them and focus on Cushing Academy and Tabor Academy. In the first game against Cushing, Andover still appeared a bit shaky, despite Cushing's weak pitching. Andover, however, found the fire that Friedlander had mentioned, and scored four times in the third inning. Casey Martin '02 started the inning with a base hit into left field, then was followed by consecutive hits from Emmy

Grote '02 and Hubbard, who scored both Martin and Grote. Reed Curry '01 also contributed during the inning with an RBI single, stolen base, and a run. Blue's pitching kept the Cushing bats silent for the remainder of the game, as Andover's offense was heating up. Blue scored seven times in the fourth inning, including a triple from Grote and a double from Camille Conley '01. This 14-1 blowout was a morale booster to the team as they immediately faced Tabor.

The first inning set the tone for the game as Tabor batters went down in order and Andover hitters scored three times off Tabor's pitcher. Andover scored once in the third. In the fourth, back-to-back doubles from Conley and Katherine Leonard '02 helped to score an additional two runs. The highlight of this game was another stellar performance from Erica Hubbard, as she pitched her third career no-hitter. "I had said before the game that I really wanted to have another 'no-no' before the season was over. I hadn't pitched one since 9th grade, so this felt incredible," said Hubbard after her feat.

The Big Blue proved that Saturday's victories were no flukes when they took down the strong

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HUBBARD NO-HITS TABOR ACADEMY

TRIPLE TRIUMPH

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Phillips Exeter squad on Wednesday. However, Exeter proved no match for the girls, as the team claimed a 3-1 win. Offensively, Martin started Andover off with a lead-off single in the first. Hubbard sent a shot down the left field line notching an RBI, as Martin came around to score.

Hubbard struck out seven of the next 13 batters she faced, while Andover kept all but one batter off the bases through the fifth inning. During the bottom of the fifth Grote started things going with a two-out base hit. Hubbard blasted a shot past the left fielder to bring in Grote.

To lead-off the sixth, Exeter right field, Haynes, sent a bouncer up the middle. Haynes moved around to second when Jimenez was hit by a pitch. Burns hit into a fielders choice scoring Haynes, Exeter's lone run.

Pitcher/First baseman Danielle Collins '04 received the sacrifice sign and laid down a perfect bunt along the third base line to score Martin who led the inning off with a single. The final score was Andover 3 - Exeter 1. Hubbard threw a phenomenal game, giving up only one hit while striking out 14.

Andover now awaits the return of prodigal Catcher Katherine Leonard '02, she has been out of commission after having double knee surgery on Wednesday. The team hopes for her speedy recovery, and as Friedlander noted, "Every game we play, we play with her in mind. She is a key leader on this squad, and we hope she'll be back for the final game of the season—our second showing against Exeter."

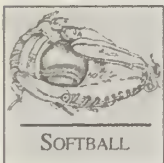
Reflecting on the week, Catcher Emily Izenstein '01 commented, "Clearly, the team is coming into its own. Erica has really become an excellent ball-player, and along with Karen [Friedlander], they offer top-notch leadership. We also have great support from a skilled, knowledgeable new coaching staff. All-in-all, we're psyched to be out there playing clean, tough softball, having fun, and doing what we love!"

SOFTBALL GAINS TOP SEED AT BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

WINS FIRST TOURNEY TITLE

PA Edges Out Tilton In Championship Finals 3-0

by Katherine Leonard
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



The girls varsity Softball team proved its season-long dominance on the field by winning the first annual Big East tournament

while holding all of their opponents scoreless. Big Blue finished off their season with a record of 14 wins and 2 losses, including an undefeated record at home.

The tournament began with a game against Kimball Union Academy, with Co-Captain Erica Hubbard '01 on the mound for Andover. Andover started the game off on the right foot, as they came out and immediately scored five runs within the first three innings. The first run came when Emmy Grote '02 crossed home plate on a base hit from Co-Captain Karen Friedlander '01. In the third inning, Grote led off with a single into center field, she was followed by a base hit from Emily Izenstein '01 who drove her in. Then, Camille Conley '01 smashed a double into center field and drove in Izenstein. Conley was later drove in on a base hit from Reed Curry '01. Andover would go on to score two more runs in the fifth inning, which ended the game prematurely due to the mercy rule. Grote had led the way with three runs scored, two hits and two walks.

Hubbard also had a dominant performance, with a no-hitter through the five innings of the game, including 11 strikeouts. After the game, Izenstein noted, "As soon as we stepped onto the field on Friday, we were playing to win the tournament. Everyone contributed both offensively and defensively, and the spirit of the team was incredible."

Andover continued its pace to win their Tournament on Saturday morning, as Andover faced Tabor Academy for the second time that season. In the previous meeting, Andover trounced Tabor by a score of 8-0, and the second meeting was no different. Danielle Collins '04 was on the hill for Blue and she appeared confident as she looked to continue her undefeated rookie season. Andover scored for the first time in the third inning, notching four runs. Casey Martin '02 led off the inning with an infield base hit and was followed by a walk from Grote. Emily Izenstein drove in both on a single up the middle. The Big Blue then continued its scoring brigade as Conley took advantage of the inconsistency of the Tabor pitcher and walked. Curry, next up in the line-up, ripped a Tabor offering into right field and drove in Izenstein and Conley. Andover would

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Softball Goes Undefeated at Home

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go on to score an insurance run in the fourth inning. Collins was a force on the mound, not allowing a base hit until the fifth inning. She only gave up two hits all day, and no base runner got into scoring position. Collins kept Andover in the game until Andover bats came alive.

In the third and final game of the tournament, Andover faced the other undefeated team in the tournament, in Tilton Academy. This game would prove to be the closest and most challenging game of the weekend. The game was a great pitcher's dual, both hurlers allowing only limited hits and base runners, but as many times before, a combination of Hubbard's pitching and Andover's resilient offense, Andover came out on top. The first run for Andover came in the third inning, when, with two outs, Martin started a rally with a base hit, then was followed by a base hit from Grote. Hubbard drove Martin in off of an error by the third baseman, and Andover took a lead they would not lose. Andover added to runs in the fifth inning, and some breathing room, when Martin and Hubbard scored off of hits from Martin, Hubbard and Izenstein. With some room to work with, Hubbard pitched seven solid innings, only allowing two hits all game. At the end of the bottom of the

seventh inning, the score was Andover 3, Tilton 0: Andover had won their title! Karen Friedlander noted after the game, "It meant a lot to the team, and especially to the seniors to come away with a victory. The team was expecting this season to be a 'rebuilding' year this year because we graduated six seniors last year, but our play this weekend just showed the amount of work we put in and the heart of this team. This was by far and was a great accomplishment for all of us."

In the final home game of the season, Andover took on the St. Paul's School, if Andover defeated St. Paul's then they would have an undefeated record at home. Collins was once again on the mound. The game started off as a close game, as no runs were scored until the third inning. The inning started off with a smash base hit from Martin into right field, she was then followed by Grote. Hubbard, who was playing first, drove in Martin to take the lead. Then, Andover added two more runs in the fourth inning from Izenstein and Collins. In the seventh inning, with St. Paul's down by four runs, two untimely errors led to two quick unearned runs. However, the girls, and Collins especially, kept their composure, and pulled out the victory in the end. A final victory over Exeter capped off an amazing season, as Hubbard pitched out of a 7th inning bases-loaded jam for the win.



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Freshman Danielle Collins is a promising new star for the Big Blue, who will sorely miss senior leader Erica Hubbard.

SPORT: Tennis - boys

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Samuel Takvorian

MANAGER:

COACH: Thomas Hodgson

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD.

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Letter Winners

Donthamsetty, Ramesh C.

Dougherty, Matthew B.

Musumeci, Joseph B.

Natale, Matthew T.

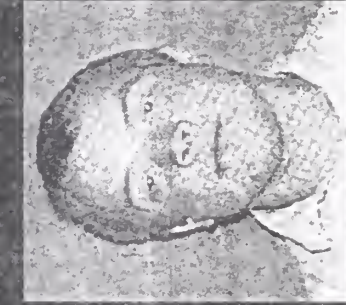
Pearson, John H.

Sklar, Adam R.

Takvorian, Samuel U.

Tennis Boys – Varsity
2000 – 2001

| Name | Class | Hometown |
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| Donthamsetty, Ramesh C. | 2001 | West Point, GA |
| Dougherty, Matthew B. | 2001 | Middleburg, VA |
| Musumeci, Joseph B. | 2002 | North Andover, MA |
| Natale, Matthew T. | 2001 | Reading, MA |
| Pearson, John H. | 2001 | Lowell, MA |
| Sklar, Adam R. | 2001 | Bedford, NH |
| Takvorian, Samuel U. | 2001 | Concord, MA |



by Tina Wadhwa
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

How well do you know your classmates? Unbeknownst to many, Matt Dougherty '01, a top-ranked PA varsity tennis player and varsity football player also boasts another talent in a more unusual sport — polo.

Horses surrounded Matt during his youth on a farm in Middleburg, VA, and Matt began riding as a young boy. He started playing polo when he was ten, inspired by his father who also played. His sister, equally enamored by horses, competed in show jumping, and Matt stated that he “definitely thought that polo would be more interesting.” Out of his twelve horses, he claims that his favorite is clearly “Snips, because I’ve had him ever since he was a baby. It was cool to watch him grow up and develop.”

“Polo basically consists of four players per team who, riding horses, use their mallet-like stick to hit and score the ball in the opponent’s goal post. There are six periods in the game, each 7 minutes long,” comments Matt.

Matt’s father and other professionals taught him the intricate game with other professionals, although

Matt Dougherty '01

“My favorite horse is Snips... I’ve had him ever since he was a baby.”

—Matt Dougherty '01

Matt “just has fun with it.” He has accrued many achievements within the polo world, including the Junior Avendani Championship and the Presidential Cup. More recently, Matt traveled to Florida this spring break to compete in the polo national tournament, the Bronze Cup. Although his four-man team also included three professionals from Argentina, the group lost in the finals. “I was pretty upset,” confesses Matt. “I think we could have won — there were just a lot of bad penalties.”

Success did not come easily for Matt. Polo requires an immense amount of hard work and practice. “The main thing to practice to excel in polo is riding,” Matt explains. “Usually I have to ride three hours a day when home to perfect the technique.”

Matt thanks his dad for his inspiration and motivation throughout his life and in his polo career, stating, “I know my dad will always be there for me, to support me and push me.” That motivation is especially welcome after some “nasty falls.” He laughingly describes: “I was riding to the goal at top speed when I hit the ball in. Just then, my horse got scared, maybe by the goal post, and stopped short. I was thrown into the air, turning a full flip

before hitting the goal post, and then landed inside of it. I got a concussion from that.”

The dangerous side of polo, however, does not deter Matt. He just “loves the game completely,” explaining that “its speed is just incredible, and it’s the best sport I’ve ever played by far.”

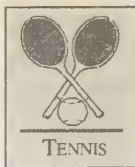
Matt would like to start a polo team at PA but knows that it would be too difficult. “It would cost a lot of money to buy the horses,” he says, “and then there would be no place to put them.”

Immersed in this elite world and excelling at an unusual sport, Matt knows that he does not envision his future in polo. “It’s just for fun,” he states, “just a hobby.” He sees himself at the University of Virginia, studying business, aspiring to one day enter that field professionally.

For now, however, he is content with his four years at PA and with his career as a renowned polo player. Whether pepping himself up before a game or getting through college, Matt knows that his competitive nature will shine through and conquer. “Winning is everything,” he declares, quoting the “No Fear” apparel truism: “Second place only means that you’re the first loser.”

Varsity A & B Combo Scrimmages Andover High; Maintains 3-0 Record

by Joe Musumeci
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



The Boys Varsity A Tennis team had a relatively quiet schedule last week. The team's one match against Northfield

Mount Herman, set for Saturday the 14th, was postponed due to a student death at the opposing school. This home match has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 21. This contest will be crucial for the Blue tennis players, because the team needs multiple wins against large prep schools in order to qualify for the end-of-season tournament.

Although Big Blue tennis had no official matches last week, the team did agree to a scrimmage at Andover High School on Friday. The team suffered numerous singles and doubles losses, since a large portion of the Varsity A team was benched and B players were pulled up to compete.

In addition, weather conditions were horrendous on the courts; incredibly strong winds forced the team to compete less aggressively, with lower serve tosses, slower shots with more spin-less risky shots.

Joe Musumeci '03 recalled, "I could feel the wind pulling the racket from my hands as I held it in front of myself." "Lobbing was fatal," pointed out Sam Takvorian '02, describing his struggles with the wind. "I tried to catch a bad toss on my serve, but by the time the ball came down the wind had already pulled it out of reach."

The Blue tennis team faces a rough stretch of matches ahead. On Friday, April 20, at 4:15 p.m., the Groton team will arrive at Andover, ready to battle it out in what promises to be a grueling

contest. Groton is notorious for wielding a particularly strong team, perhaps the best in the league, but Andover hopes to put up good fight.

The next three matches after Groton will be equally difficult; Milton, Deerfield, and Exeter also have

solid teams.

The varsity tennis team heads towards this dangerous stretch with a winning 3-0 record, and although the approaching road will be difficult, the team is optimistic, ready to meet the challenge with rackets blazing.



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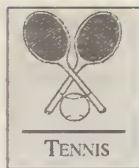
John Pearson '01 warms up in a scrimmage against Andover High.

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Takvorian '02 Scores Lone Win For Andover Tennis; Record Drops to 3-2

by Joe Musumeci
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 10 |
| Loomis-Chaffee | 4 |



Despite the exemplary support from Blue Keys and other tennis fans, boys' tennis had a rough match against Groton last

Friday. Groton, sporting several highly ranked players achieved a definitive win over the Blue. Matt Dougherty '01 and John Pearson '01 lost first doubles with a respectable score of 5-8 against powerful opponents. The Italian Stallions, Joe Musumeci '03 and Matt Natale '01, also lost 5-8 to a tough team of exceptional volleyers. After two of the three doubles matches were completed in Groton's favor, Ramesh Donthamsetty '01 and Adam Sklar '01 abandoned their match at second position with a score of 5-7.

After losing a point in the doubles matches, Andover struggled to make up the loss in the six following singles matches, each worth one point. Unfortunately, only one of these six potential points was taken. Sam Takvorian '02 won his singles match in fifth position in three quick sets (6-1, 0-6, 6-1). Pearson lost at first singles after an amazing match against Zach Pasanen, ranked fifth in New England with scores of 3-6, 1-6. Dougherty lost in second position to a man of at least twenty-three years in age. Shantanu Dhaka, ranked first in New England, beat Dough in two sets of scores 1-6 and 2-6.

In third position singles, Musumeci

lost a respectable match to his opponent (3-6, 4-6). The Groton player's huge serve made winning returning games exceptionally difficult for the Moose. As Groton had already won four of the seven total points, Donthamsetty abandoned his fourth position match while losing the second set 1-2, and already having won the first 6-2. Holkins '04, lost his match to a strong player with scores of 1-6 and 3-6. After a disappointing day of matches, blue took a 5-1 loss against Groton, one of the best teams in New England.

On Saturday, the PA tennis team once again hit the courts at 11:00 and remained there for two hours waiting for N.M.H to show up. The team never arrived. Apparently the school was

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Boys Tennis Displays Valiant Effort: Milton's National Competitors Too Much

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having a busy time with parent's weekend and had decided that the match would take too much time. The N.M.H. team neglected to call Andover to report this change in plans.

On Wednesday, the blue team again took a tough loss against Milton, another strong prep school. Dougherty/Pearson won a great doubles match, 8-3. Donthamsetty/Sklar lost a rough set against aggressive players at 1-8. The Italian Stallions also lost a disappointing match, 5-8.

The only singles win and point of

the day came from Ramesh Donthamsetty in fourth singles. After taking an unfortunate miss-hit overhead to the groin in warm up, Rambo recovered and soundly defeated his opponent, 6-1, 6-3.

At first singles, John Pearson played a tremendous three-set match against an unbelievably consistent opponent. He eventually lost 6-4, 0-6, 2-6. Matt Dougherty lost an unfortunate match against his skilled opponent, 0-6, 3-6. Joe Musumeci also lost a disappointing match, 1-6, 5-7, after leading 4-1 in the second set. The Blue's first, second, and third positions

fared well, considering Milton's first three players are all national competitors. Fifth singles, Adam Sklar, lost his match, 3-6, 1-6. John Holkins also lost a tough match at sixth singles, 2-6, 1-6.

Andover maintains a winning record (3-2), but the blue tennis team will continue to face formidable teams in the coming week. Andover will play Deerfield away on Saturday the 28th and Exeter at home on Wednesday the 2nd at 2:30. In the words of Adam Sklar, "If we can make it through Exeter with a winning record, we're golden."



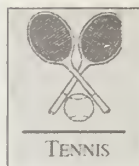
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Matt Dougherty '01 lost in his singles match to top ranked Shantanu Dhaka (3-6) (1-6).

Losing to Deerfield, Exeter, Boys Tennis Looks to Recoup

by Joe Musumeci
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 3 |
| Deerfield | 4 |
| Andover | 0 |
| Exeter | 6 |



Boys' Varsity A tennis suffered another rough week of matches, losing at Deerfield on Saturday and at home to Exeter on

Wednesday. Saturday's match was a close one.

After captain Matt Dougherty '01 and John Pearson '01 lost first doubles 6-8, falling from a 4-0 lead, and Ramesh Donthamsetty '01 and Adam Sklar '01 won 8-3 at second doubles, Joe Musumeci '03 and Matt Natale '01 (the Italian Stallions) lost a close match (7-9) at third doubles, losing hold of the final doubles point.

In singles, both Pearson and Dougherty won huge matches at one and two singles, respectively. Pearson won 6-4, 6-4, and Dougherty destroyed his opponent 6-1, 6-1. Musumeci struggled through a tough match at third singles, eventually losing 6-2, 6-0. Because of a lack of varsity tennis courts at Deerfield, fourth singles, Donthamsetty, was sent across campus to play on a clay court. When informed of his temporary separation from the team, he grinned and said: "Don't you worry guys; I was born on clay."

5/4

Though confident, he was rightly so, as in the last match to finish, Donthamsetty's game finally ended victoriously, with a win for Andover of 5-7, 6-2, 6-1. Sklar played a difficult match at fifth singles, playing intensely until his eventual loss of 6-2, 6-1. Natale also suffered a defeat in sixth position singles. After losing the first set 7-5, Matt was unable to pick up his game, and lost the second set 6-2. The loss against Deerfield was discouraging for the Andover team, as the match was so close, with the final score was 3-4 for Deerfield.

Wednesday's game against Exeter under the eighty-seven degree sun also ended in disappointment. The Pearson/Dougherty combo lost first doubles 4-8, and the pair of Musumeci and Natale lost third doubles 5-8, after being up a break for most of the match. In the lead with a score of 5-4, Donthamsetty/Sklar abandoned their match for the sake of time, as Exeter had already taken two of the three doubles matches and hence the doubles point.

The first three singles players, Pearson, Dougherty, and Musumeci lost badly against their Exeter rivals, with scores of 6-1, 6-0; 6-2, 6-1 and 6-0, 6-1 respectively. Both fourth and fifth singles, Donthamsetty and Sklar, played long, grueling matches.

Ramesh and Sklar split sets with their opponents after every other team member had finished his match.

Since Andover had already lost four of the seven possible points, it was decided that both players would play a ten point tie breaker in lieu of a third set. Ramesh lost his match 7-5, 5-7, (9-11). Sklar also lost, with a score of 4-6, 6-3, (6-10). Sam Takvorian '02 played sixth singles, also taking a loss at 2-6, 6-7 (5-7). Despite these setbacks, the blue tennis team looks forward to better results away at Middlesex on Friday the 4th and home against Moses Brown on Wednesday the 9th.

Exeter Aces Boys Tennis; Concludes Year at 5-8

by Joe Musumeci
PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Andover Boys' Varsity Tennis finished the season last Wednesday with an unfortunate match against Exeter.

Although the Blue Boys played a number of long and close matches, they were unable to pull off even one match against the Red Enemy. The final score was a burning loss of 0-4. After the conclusion of the final match, the team discussed its season. The general consensus was that although the team had not fared horribly in the 2001 season, it had had the potential to do much better. As Ramesh Donthamsetty commented, "We did alright, but we could have done a lot better if we had played to our potentials." The team's final record for the spring of 2001 was a respectable 5-8.

The Blue Boys won their first three matches handily. The first match of the season took place at Tufts University. The team had not played outdoors for a while and was rusty from practicing for limited time on limited courts. Nonetheless, the team pulled through, winning two of three doubles matches, and three of six singles matches for a 5-4 victory.

The second match was the first ever played on Belmont Hill's four new indoor courts. Both Andover's Coach Tom Hodgson, and the Belmont Hill coach agreed to play a short format match, meaning that whoever wins two of the three doubles matches gets one point, and the remaining match never occurs. All singles matches are played until one team reaches four total points, when the rest are generally abandoned, since four points is a majority and hence a win. Unfortunately, John Pearson had to stay behind to rest his arm, but the team brought John Holkins to replace him. The final score was a 4-0 win for Andover.

On Saturday, the varsity tennis team played its third match of the week at Taft in southern Connecticut. Once again, the second and third doubles teams, Dougherty/Musumeci and Natale/Takvorian, won their matches easily. The first doubles match, Donthamsetty/Sklar, was also about to win when their match was abandoned. After the doubles matches, the Big Blue lined up for the singles round, and quickly achieved a win of 4-0.

Despite an early lead of 3-0, the team's season took a serious down turn: The Blue Boys had a rough match against Groton that even exemplary support from Blue Keys and other tennis fans couldn't push our way. Groton, sporting several fantastic players, achieved a definitive win over their blue opponents. After losing a point in the doubles matches, the blue

players struggled to make up the loss in the six following singles matches, each worth one point. Unfortunately, only one of these six potential points was realized. The final score was a loss of 1-5.

On Wednesday, PA took another tough loss against Milton. The only singles win and point of the day came from Ramesh Donthamsetty in fourth singles. After pulling his groin in an unfortunately miss-hit overhead in warm up, Rambo recovered and soundly defeated his opponent, 6-1, 6-3. Again, the score was 1-5 against Andover.

The next match, taking place at Deerfield, was close. After long, grueling matches, Andover finally lost, 3-4. This was a true disappointment for the Blue Boys, who had come extremely close to winning, only to be let down at the last moment.

The following match against Exeter, also lacked a fairy tale ending. Support from fans and even the SuperFans was well appreciated and much needed, but was unable to lift the team from its slump. Andover lost to Exeter 0-4.

Andover absolutely destroyed Middlesex as its next match. The team played on Middlesex's clay courts, using a format where each match is two sets long, and each set is worth one point. The final score was 14-4, a definitive win for Andover Blue.

PA produced an equally satisfying win on in the match against Moses Brown. Except for one loss, none of the matches were even remotely close. The Blue Boys clearly dominated their competitors, earning a triumphant 6-1 match. This definitive win against Moses Brown was important: Andover tennis had once again risen with a record of 5-4. Unfortunately, the final four matches yielded bleak results:

On Friday, May 11, the Cheshire Academy team arrived to take on Andover. Although the Blue battled well, they took home only three wins that day; Ramesh Donthamsetty '01/ Joe Musumeci '03 won at number two doubles 8-4. Clearly upset, one of the losing Cheshire opponents threw his racket over the tennis fence a remarkable distance, reportedly almost hitting a baseball outfielder. He then strode to the net and struck the scorecards with his fist, breaking the rings and scattering the cards about the court. The sec-

ond win was achieved by Joe Musumeci in fourth singles (6-4, 7-5), and the final win by Sam Takvorian in sixth singles (6-0, 6-0). PA fell 2-5.

The match against Choate May 12th was exceptionally disappointing. After a hot and long day of matches, the potential win came down to Tyler Mixer's '02 game. Unfortunately, Mixer was unable to pull off the victory, and Andover lost to Choate 3-4.

The match against St. John's Prep, also resulted in loss. After arriving at the school, the team was forced to wait for more than thirty minutes for the courts to dry. A few hours after beginning the match on the chilly and semi-wet courts, the Blue team drove away without a win to sport: 0-5, a tough loss.

As previously mentioned, the final match against Exeter was also a rough game. After returning home from Exeter on Wednesday, May 23, the

team met at Coach Hodgson's house for delicious lasagna to discuss the approaching year. It was decided that Sam Takvorian '02 would be the next year's captain. Next year's tennis season may be even rougher, as five seniors out of the eight-man team are graduating. Congratulations: Ramesh Donthamsetty, Matt Dougherty, Matt Natale, John Pearson, and Adam Sklar. Next year's team will most likely include Joe Musumeci '03, Sam Takvorian, and John Holkins as returning varsity A players. The team will also take on some of this year's varsity B players as well as Greg Chang, a new Upper, Musumeci's previous doubles partner in the New England Section tournaments, and perhaps Mark Asch. Liz Asch's '01 younger brother. In any case, there will be enough decent players for the team next year, and we are looking forward to an exciting 2002 season



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Boys' Tennis Captain Matt Dougherty '01 whips off a forehand against Loomis-Chaffee's Shantanu Dhaka.

SPORT: Tennis - girls

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Frances Ritchie

MANAGER:

COACH: Leon Holley

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD

WON 4 **LOST** 8 **TIED** 0

Letter Winners

Gadgil, Tara
Lincoln, Alexis P.
O'Brien, Emily E.
Padula, Amy L.
Ritchie, Frances C.
Smith, Sarah E.
Snyder, Anne C.
Sridhar, Priya

Tennis Girls – Varsity
2000 – 2001

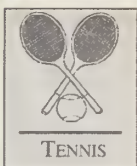
| Name | Class | Hometown |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Gadgil, Tara | 2002 | Houston, TX |
| Lincoln, Alexis P. | 2002 | Boxford, MA |
| O'Brien, Emily E. | 2003 | New Canaan, CT |
| Padula, Amy L. | 2002 | Reading, MA |
| Ritchie, Frances C. | 2001 | Milwaukee, WI |
| Smith, Sarah E. | 2002 | Wilmington, DE |
| Snyder, Anne C. | 2003 | Andover, MA |
| Sridhar, Priya | 2003 | Andover, MA |

First Doubles O'Brien/Smith Takes Sole Tennis Win at Tufts

by Priya Sridhar
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

**Tufts
Andover**

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On a sunny though windy Wednesday, Tufts University played host to the Andover girls' tennis team. Rank has its

privileges: unfortunately, the university varsity team took over the indoor courts. This left Tufts' JV team along with the Andover Blue struggling in the windy outdoor courts, which did not bode well for the PA girls. The tennis team was paired up with tough opponents, and was unable to meet the challenge. Between the wind and the experienced JV team, the Big Blue was only able to capture one set. The scores may be deceiving, as the girls fought hard and rallied some good points. But in the end, Tufts JV came out with a solid win.

Playing in an unaccustomed collegiate format, the setup consisted of two doubles eight game pro set matches and four singles ten game pro set matches. Because the number five seed played during the doubles matches in the beginning of the match, this pair played best of three sets. Emily O'Brien '03 played at number one and lost in a hard-fought match 4-10.

Captain Frannie Ritchie '01 played in the number two spot and lost 2-10. Amy Padula '02 played number three and lost 5-10. Anne Snyder '03 played a long, close and very tiring match that ended with a loss of 7-10. Priya Sridhar '03 played in a best of three setup at the number five seed and lost 6-3, 6-0. The big win of the day went to O'Brien and Sarah Smith '02 who played the num-

ber one doubles spot and won with an astonishing 8-4. Nevertheless, Alexis Lincoln '02 and Tara Gadgil '03, playing the number two doubles spot, were not able to bring another match into the W column and lost 8-4. Said Tara Gadgil '03, on the match, "As a team we are really strong all the way down the line. Even though we lost I think we have the potential to do well in the future."

Although disappointed by their performance on Wednesday, the girls tennis team seems confident to face their next opponent, Choate, on Saturday. "I think the team has spirit this year," said Sarah Smith, a sentiment that her teammates share.



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Frannie Ritchie '01 saw her team fall this week to Tufts by a score of 6-1.

TENNIS

TUFTS 6, ANDOVER 1

Singles

| | W/L | Games |
|---------|-----|----------|
| O'Brien | L | 4-10 |
| Ritchie | L | 2-10 |
| Padula | L | 5-10 |
| Snyder | L | 7-10 |
| Sridhar | L | 3-6, 0-6 |

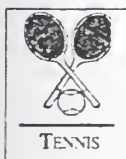
Doubles

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| O'Brien/Smith | W | 8-4 |
| Lincoln/Gadgil | L | 4-8 |

Andover's Girls Tennis Team Climbs to 2-2 Top Seeds Secure Win In Triumph Over GDA

by Kristina Chang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 14 |
| GDA | 4 |



"The team is really improving," asserted Coach Leon Holley as Andover's lady tennis players defeated a strong team from Governor Dummer

Academy on Monday. The final score was 14-4 in a match where the team demonstrated its ability to bounce back strongly from a 4-1 loss against one of the best team's in New England, Choate Rosemary Hall.

The tennis team's current record is 2-2. Due to the seeding method of Interschols, Holley explained that "splitting the season", winning half of the matches, would give the team a better seed at the post-season tournament. Splitting the season is not as easy as it sounds, however. The PA tennis players will have to compete against two of the best teams in New England: Milton and Thayer. They will also play Exeter twice, matches which always provide excitement for fans and players.

Playing number one for singles last Monday against GDA was Emily O'Brien '03 who was defeated (6-0), (6-0). O'Brien also played at the number one spot last Saturday against Choate where she was defeated in a tight contest by one of the top players in New England. The final scores from that match (6-2), (6-2) fail to reveal the many close games that could have gone either way and O'Brien hit with skill and determination against the tennis players from both GDA and Choate.

Defeating her opponent in the number two spot with a score of (6-4), (6-2) was Sarah Smith '02. Smith also defeated her competitor from CRH last

Saturday (6-0), (6-2). She has been playing consistently all season yielding very positive results and garnering the experience needed to succeed at the post-season New England championships.

Captain Frances Ritchie played at the number three spot for singles on Monday, beating her opponent (6-4), (6-2). Ritchie used her strong ground strokes and control of ball speed in her defeat of the GDA tennis player. Ritchie's leadership has aided the team in succeeding in the season thus far.

Playing at number four on Monday was Amy Padula '02 who won with a score of (6-3), (6-1). Padula commented, "The conditions were great today with no winds. It was a great match and my forehand was really consistent." Her powerful forehand led her to victory after a loss last Saturday against CRH (6-2), (6-2).

Tara Gadgil '03 played at the number five spot last Monday, securing a win for her team with a score of (6-2), (6-0). Priya Sridhar '03 also beat her opponent (6-1), (6-2) playing at the number six spot. Both new to the team, Gadgil and Sridhar have brought energy to the courts and have proven themselves to be able and consistent players.

Doubles play has shown definite improvement since the beginning of the season. The experience the team has gained from playing together has certainly paid off. Many of the doubles teams had not had the opportunity to play together prior to the start of the season or at any point during the spring term.

Playing at the number one doubles spot on Saturday were Gadgil and Alexis Lincoln '02. They were defeated in a close match with final scores of (7-5), (6-2). Time and again the pair worked during tense points that could have gone either way and the match was well played by both teams. Hitting in the number one spots on

Monday were O'Brien and Smith, splitting with scores of (2-6), (6-4).

Carrying the number two spots for doubles on Saturday were Anne Snyder '03 and Sridhar who both played exceptional matches. They were defeated both times, seven to five, in hotly contested bouts where either pair could have come out on top. Jumping into the number two spot for doubles on Monday, Ritchie and Gadgil emerged victorious in both sets (6-3), (7-5). Snyder and Lincoln played at the number three spots in doubles on Monday and defeated their GDA challengers twice with final scores of (6-4), (6-3).

The steady improvement of the doubles teams will contribute greatly to the team's success in the second half of the season. Without a doubt, PA's doubles teams will be a force to be reckoned with at the New England post-season tournament.

Sridhar asserted, "We are not too discouraged by our playing at Choate, but our performance as a team was much better today. Hopefully, when we take on the Exies, we will see the same type of results." Sridhar also expressed her belief that the more experience that the team gains from match play, the better their ability to focus on the court. The ability to focus is an essential skill for tennis players especially in hot conditions such as Monday's and in the windy conditions that spring inevitably brings.

The match play experience that the players are gathering throughout the season will undoubtedly help them later on in their final match against Phillips Exeter Academy and at the post-season New England tournament. The next match, one that should prove to be quite exciting, is away at Exeter this Saturday. Good luck to Big Blue's lady tennis players as they take on the Exies!

PA GIRLS TENNIS

ACED BY EXETER

ONE POINT SHORT

by Kristina Chang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Exeter | 5 |
| Andover | 4 |

Last Saturday, Andover's tennis players fell to the Exeter tennis team in a close and well-fought match with a final score of PEA 5, PA 4. The current season record is 2-4, a deceiving statistic for Big Blue's talented squad.

The team will have another opportunity to face Exeter at the end of the season, at which point they hope to take sweet revenge. The next time they face the Exies, the team will have Amy Padula '02, the number four player, who was unfortunately not able to attend last weekend's match. The match, despite the final outcome, reflects the players' great improvement since the start of the season. The quality of doubles play has risen especially dramatically, as the players garner more experience from playing together in both competition and practices.

Captain Frances Ritchie '01 commented, "Exeter was disappointing but the team played well. I am sure we will be able to pull together for a win next time."

The NMH team against which Andover will be competing this weekend lost a number of their top players last season. Hopefully, Andover will be able to take advantage of this and bring home a win for the Blue.

Good luck to the Andover tennis team as they take on Northfield Mount Hermon and Milton Academy on Saturday and Wednesday respectively. Both games are away but the best of luck as they attempt to bring home some victory for the Big Blue!



GIRLS TENNIS HAS ROCKY SEASON AS TEAM FINISHES 3-7

WEATHER SLOWS START

Captain Ritchie '01 Graduates; Team Hopeful for 2002

by Kristina Chang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Big Blue's 2001 Girls Tennis team finished the regular season with a 3-7 record. Hindered from the outset by lingering snow

on the courts, the ladies experienced a season of many ups and downs.

Despite a somewhat discouraging regular season record, the Andover team saw much improvement that will aid the team in future years. Sarah Smith '02 asserted, "I think the team had spirit this year." This opinion seemed to be the general consensus of the team: the Blue players displayed a notable sense of pride.

Challenge matches were played throughout the season, not only allowing the players to garner match experience during practice but also to keep alive a "constant internal motivation and tension" as Coach Leon Holley put it. Holley reiterated the fact that tennis is an individual sport and stressed the importance of possessing a drive to improve. Emily O'Brien '03, agreeing with Coach Holley, commented, "There was a general feeling of motivation because you needed to work to keep your spot."

The challenge matches seemed to have the intended positive effect, as the team saw incredible improvement from many of its new players. The ladder, most noticeably in spots 4-6, has shifted quite a bit through the course of the season. Holley was impressed with the performances of Smith and O'Brien, who switched off between the numbers one and two spots the entire season.

The season began with a tough match against Deerfield Academy. The Blue girls were at a great disadvantage since this was their first time on an outside court, and it showed: the final score was PA 1, Deerfield 6. However, with a little more practice, the girls were able to emerge victoriously in their next match against Tabor, winning 12-6.

Andover had the advantage of three scrimmages this season, which helped them keep up in their regular matches. The scrimmage against the Tufts University JV squad was especially beneficial because the team went without any real match-play for a span of ten days. Despite a discouraging score of 1-6, Tara Gadgil '03 stated, "As a team, we were really strong all the way down the line. Even though we lost, I think we have the potential to do well in the future." The Blue faced additional scrimmages against



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Playing a doubles match with Sarah Smith '02, Emily O'Brien '01 fights back against Exeter.

Andover High and St. Paul's.

Coming against a tough team from Choate, the Big Blue was defeated 1-4. Able to rebound in a mere two days, the players defeated their competition from Governor Dummer Academy, 14-2. Priya Sridhar '03 commented, "We were not too discouraged by our playing at Choate, but our performance as a team was much better today."

The Andover tennis team lost a close match to Phillips Exeter Academy 4-5. Despite the absence of team member Amy Padula '02, the team played skillfully and showed much improvement, especially for a squad with a late start due to bad weather. Captain Frances Ritchie '01 stated, "Exeter was disappointing but the team played well. I am sure we will be able to pull together for a win next time."

The ladies had a thirst for victory the next time they hit the courts, smashing Northfield Mount-Hermon 7-2. Ritchie '01 recalled, "NMH was a satisfying match. I was proud of Anne Snyder '02 and Alexis Lincoln '02 for a comeback, especially when Alexis pegged her opponent."

Following NMH, Andover faced last years New England champions, Milton Academy. As Milton continued its tennis tradition, Andover was defeated 2-16. However, the match was beneficial for the team, allowing them to compete against the best squad in New England.

The match against Loomis Chaffee ended early due to rain. This was especially unfortunate as Andover had a lead on its opponent when the rain began to fall. Captain Ritchie '01 commented, "[Last Saturday's match] could have been a strong match for us, but we're still looking forward to

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BIG BLUE GIRLS TENNIS SUFFERS DISAPPOINTING SPRING SHUT OUT BY BIG RED IN FINAL SET

Emily O'Brien '01 Takes Helm at Number One For Next Year

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Interschols."

The Big Blue traveled to Noble and Greenough to face a stronger and more prepared squad, and was unsuccessful in their attempt to bring home victory. The final score for that match was PA 4, Nobles 14. The quality of the courts at Nobles was very poor, with many of the PA players slipping and injuring themselves during the course of the match. Nobles seemed to be accustomed to playing on these courts, however, and the Big Blue players faced an apparent disadvantage.

For the last match of the season, PA played Exeter for the second time. The girls expected a victory after the previous match, but Andover was shut out 0-9 against their opponents, who had vastly improved since the teams last faced each other.

Looking ahead towards next season, the expectation is very optimistic. With only one graduating senior, Captain Frances Ritchie '01, the team will continue to build on its success and improvement from this season next year. The 2002 Andover Girls Tennis Team looks to be a force to be reckoned with already!



J. Lesaffre/ The Phillipian
Sarah Smith '02 winds up to place an approach shot on her Deerfield opponent.

SPORT: Track - boys

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Emerson Sykes

MANAGER:

COACH: Louis Bernieri

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD

WON 9 **LOST** 1 **TIED**

won Interschols (1st place)

Letter Winners

Anderson, Marc E.
Barkhuff, Patrick J.
Bass, Derrick A.
Bitz, Anthony H.
Chiu, Peter
Coit, David M.
DeVos, Aaron C.
Durana, Pablo
Feigenbaum, James J.
Felch, Dean H.
Fuhrman, Weston
Galan, O'Shea S.
Harris, Jordan A.
Hendley, Imran A.

Hogan, Benjamin M.
Izeogu, Chimaobi O.
Kapor, Adam J.
Kehlenbeck, Alexander P.
Lam, Richard J.
Lanfranco, Anwell
Lanterman, Jonathan P.
Lemire, Joseph D.
Lewis, Malik D.
Maqubela, Sikanyiselwe S.
McKinnon, Andrew W.
O'Donoghue, Geoffrey P.
Osuji, Kelechukwu C.
Rodriguez, Joshua

Sheldon, David M.
Simms, Jonathan T.
Sykes, Emerson J.
Thompson, David B.
Velez, Edwin L.
White, Damion L.
Winston, Brandon J.

Track Boys – Varsity
2000 – 2001

| Name | Class | Hometown |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Anderson, Marc E. | 2003 | Jamaica, NY |
| Barkhuff, Patrick J. | 2001 | Groton, MA |
| Bass, Derrick A. | 2002 | Brooklyn, NY |
| Bitz, Anthony H. | 2002 | Gainsville, FL |
| Chiu, Peter | 2003 | Wayland, MA |
| Coit, David M. | 2004 | New York, NY |
| deVos, Aaron C. | 2001 | Boxford, MA |
| Durana, Pablo | 2002 | Montreal, Canada |
| Feigenbaum, James J. | 2004 | Andover, MA |
| Felch, Dean H. | 2002 | Chatham, NJ |
| Fuhrman, Weston | 2001 | Chicago, IL |
| Galan, O'Shea S. | 2004 | New York, NY |
| Harris, Jordan A. | 2002 | Nashville, TN |
| Hendley, Imran A. | 2002 | Methuen, MA |
| Hogan, Benjamin M. | 2001 | Spokane, WA |
| Izeogu, Chimaobi O. | 2003 | Fayetteville, GA |
| Kapor, Adam J. | 2004 | Brookline, MA |
| Kehlenbeck, Alexander P. | 2001 | Needham, MA |
| Lam, Richard J. | 2003 | Kowloon Tong, HK |
| Lanfranco, Anwell | 2004 | Lawrence, MA |
| Lanterman, Jonathan P. | 2002 | Redmond, WA |
| Lemire, Joseph D. | 2001 | Lowell, MA |
| Lewis, Malik D. | 2002 | Burlington, NC |
| Maqubela, Sikanyiselwe S. | 2003 | Andover, MA |
| McKinnon, Andrew W. | 2001 | Brooklyn, NY |
| O'Donoghue, Geoffrey P. | 2002 | Andover, MA |
| Osuji, Kelechukwu C. | 2001 | Bronx, NY |
| Rodriguez, Joshua | 2001 | New York, NY |
| Sheldon, David M. | 2004 | Andover, MA |
| Simms, Jonathan T. | 2002 | Bourne, MA |
| Sykes, Emerson J. | 2001 | Andover, MA |
| Thompson, David B. | 2001 | North Andover, MA |
| Velez, Edwin L. | 2004 | Staten Island, NY |
| White, Damion L. | 2001 | Charlotte, NC |
| Winston, Brandon J. | 2002 | Brooklyn, NY |

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PA Stars Jutras and Donais Heat Up the Track; Personal Records Shatter at Nationals in NYC

by Tony Bitz
PHILLIPIAN SENIOR ASSOCIATE

Rest and relaxation was the last thing on the minds of six of PA's top distance runners during the weekend after finals last term: they had business to take care of and they did it.

Melissa Donais '02, W. Austin Arensberg '01, Wes "Ironman" Fuhrman '01, Pablo Durana '01, Geoff O'Donoghue '02, and Ted Jutras '01 journeyed to the Armory in New York City to race the best of the best in high school track at the National Scholastic Track and Field Championships.

Thriving on the crowds, each other, and intense personal pressure, all of PA's representatives ran some of the best races of their short careers. Jutras ran a PR in the open mile, while, in the women's mile, Donais took second overall. The boys distance medley relay team of Arensberg, Fuhrman, Durana, and O'Donoghue put their two cents in as well, and took fourth overall.

Second and fourth places never looked so good.

For Jutras, the open mile might have been a disappointment, finishing in a low position (18th overall), but he, nonetheless, ran a personal best: 4:25. In what seemed a consistent race, Jutras ran the first 800m in 2:11 and crossed the three-quarters of a mile mark in 3:18.

The seventh lap was the breaking point. Jutras had to pull back and finished just a second faster than his personal best of last year. Talking with him, one senses his mild dismay at the time, but Jutras looks at it from an entire season's perspective. "I was slightly disappointed with my whole season. I got sick in the middle and just couldn't get my breathing back."

Eighteenth in the country's most prestigious indoor track meet and a personal best are a disappointment? What's a good performance?

One might say second is a strong performance, especially among the nation's best.

PA's Melissa Donais traveled to the Armory on the Sunday after finals to take her shot at the open mile. Coming off strong races, such as the Wannamaker Mile of the Millrose Games earlier in the season, Donais

was accustomed to the pressure of a major race and kept her composure through a grueling 5:01 of pain. Right from the start, Donais went out hard among the leaders of the front pack in a 41 second first lap. She maintained a lead through the first three-quarters of a mile and was only passed by one runner in the final two laps. She crossed the line in a 5:01 to take second among the nation's best and walked straight into an interview with ESPN.

She deserved it.

Two days earlier, a group of four optimistic runners with shaved heads came to race in the Distance Medley relay. People might have snickered at the group's appearance, but after the race, there was nothing but respect.

The distance medley relay is a relay composed of four legs: 1200m, 400m, 800m, and 1600m (in that order). Coach Jon Stableford '63 spent the last two weeks of school preparing the team of Wes "Ironman" Fuhrman '01, Austin "The Kentucky Nightmare" Arensberg '01, Geoff O'Donoghue '02, and Pablo Durana '02 for what would turn out to be a surprising race. "He kept us training through finals, and organized everything. He pushed us and we owe the great race to him," insists O'Donoghue.

Stableford indeed trained them well.

Starting the race was Fuhrman, who got the Blue off to an amazing start while sustaining an injury. Fuhrman started strong and led the front pack for most of his leg. In the last 200m, he accidentally stepped on the inside rail of the first lane and tweaked his ankle. Nonetheless, he finished well and gave Arensberg a good position going into the 400m leg. Arensberg commented, "Wes was phenomenal. His leg was so strong it actually made us believe we had a shot. His slip up with the rail made his performance all the more impressive and looking at him down the straightaway got me pumped. He set the tone of the race for us."

Off Arensberg went on the last 400m of his PA track career, running those meters as if they were the last of his life. He ran a personal best with an incredible time for an indoor track. In a blazing two laps, Arensberg held strong, finishing his leg in 51.87 sec-

onds. Next came O'Donoghue, who ran at his personal best of 2:03.3. The pressure made it all the sweeter. O'Donoghue stuck to his guns and maintained his fifth place position.

Durana ran the final leg, the mile. Running in fifth position, Durana put out a clutch personal best of 4:23. Clinging to the fourth place runner, Durana used the final straightaway to edge him out by mere hundredths of a second, taking fourth for PA with a final time of 10:27.

Along with the fourth place finish, the boys' time also earned them the eighth fastest high school time record-

ed in the country this season.

They look even better in their medals and Nationals' jackets.

With such strong performances as those at the Armory last term, PA track has earned itself a national reputation. Under the guidance of Stableford, Jutras, and Donais, the DMR team gave it their all. Their determination showed, from Donais's second place finish to Fuhrman's inspiring first leg. With such strong performances, these athletes deserve all the respect the community can give.

They didn't just run really fast; they ran as fast as the fastest.



Courtesy of Wes Fuhrman

Andover's distance medley relay squad Wes Fuhrman '01, Austin Arensberg '01, Geoff O'Donoghue '02, and Pablo Durana '02 competed at the National Scholastic indoor track trials.

Boys Track Dominates Both Taft and Deerfield Lemire's Hurdles and Durana's 1500 Ensure Win

by Tony Bitz
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 93 |
| Deerfield | 48 |
| Taft | 40 |



The only thing sweeter than winning is winning twice at the same time. That's

what the boys track team experienced this past weekend against Deerfield Academy and Taft, at the Taft School. Despite the absence of several athletes, due to college visiting trips or for religious reasons, the boys were right-on in all the events and took first in most. So decisive was their victory, that the boys earned nearly the equivalent of the combined scores of DA and Taft, with a final score of 93 (Andover)-48 (DA)-40 (Taft).

In the distance events, the tandem team of Pablo Durana '02 and Wes "Ironman" Fuhrman '01 was on top of everything. With three firsts and a second, the duo combined for eighteen points, over one-fifth of PA's overall points. The twosome started in the 1500, where they beat interscholastic cross-country champion Pat Benson from Deerfield. In a well-strategized race, Fuhrman took a large lead to push the pace for himself and for Durana. The two pulled away from Benson and were able to take first and second. Finishing out the top four was Imran Hendley '02, out kicking a strong DA runner with an incredible second wind.

In the 800, Durana and Geoff O'Donoghue '02 were at the peak of their pace, taking first and second, respectively. From the gun to the finish, they never looked back. Finally, in the 3000, Fuhrman again outran Benson. It was a slow start; Fuhrman dragged Benson along until Benson had nothing left, then Fuhrman out-kicked him. Following the two up front, Tony Bitz '02, in the first stage of his comeback tour, took third for PA with a respectable time.

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A larger group, the middle distance runners put together several strong performances, taking first in all events. In the 400, Captain Emerson Sykes '01, coming off a serious hamstring pull, didn't look handicapped as he took first in 52s, several strides ahead of the pack. Also wining with multiple strides was the 4x400m team of Durana, Sykes, Alex Kehlenbeck '01, and Ben Hogan '01. Taking the lead from the beginning, they held

their position. Durana finished for the Blue with a 53s quarter in his third race of the day, giving the team a combined time of 3:40.

In the hurdles, it was all Joe Lemire '01, who won both the 300m and 110m (44.4s and 15.9s, respectively). Following Lemire in the 300 were JT Simms '02 in second and Ben Hernandez '02 in fourth. In the 110, JT again took second with Marc Anderson '03 in fourth.

The 100, 200, and 4x100 relay had positive results for PA. In the 4x100, the team of Sykes, Kehlenbeck, Hogan, and Damien White '01 had bad hand-offs that led to a disappointing third place. Making up for the hand-offs, White '01 earned eight points for PA with a second in the 200 and a first in the 100 (11.1s). White will clearly provide a much-needed boost for the Blue in the short distance races.

The jumps for Andover had mixed results, while the throws, again, were



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Joe Lemire '01 took home victories in the 110m and 300m hurdles in Saturday's meet.

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PA Boys Track Rules Tri-Meet; Jumpers, Throwers Carry Day

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Another week gone by and two more successful meets for Boys Track. On Saturday, the Blue traveled to Haverhill High School for the Haverhill Relays and finished in the top six out of thirty of Massachusetts' best public track programs. Returning home to Sorota Track on Wednesday for a tri-meet, PA edged out Tewksbury and Chelmsford High School. The strong performances of Pablo Durana '02, Joe Lemire '01 and Derrick Bass '02 provided inspiration and carried the team through the week.

The Relays on Saturday went well for PA considering the caliber of the teams, including Massachusetts' powerhouse, Brockton. The meet started off on the right foot with an amazing performance by the 4x800m relay team of Wes "Ironman" Fuhrman '01, Adam Kapor '04, Geoff O'Donoghue '02, and Durana. With legs of 2:03, 2:05, 2:06, and 1:57, the team was tough to beat. The race was close for the first three legs until the anchor, Durana, blew out the competition. His performance was so shocking it prompted one bystander to exclaim, "That boy [Durana] ran like he stole somethin'". Lemire's fourth place in the 110m hurdles, Bass' second in the javelin, despite a sub par throw, and Durana's second victory in the open mile (4:29) punctuated an impressive day.

On Wednesday, Andover faced indoor rivals Tewksbury and Chelmsford, who had given the Blue a run for their money in February. In a nail biter, PA came out on top, 82(A)-74(T)-25(C). The throws and jumps along with the relays earned the critical first place points for Collins' boys. With the exception of Durana and Fuhrman, it was something of an off day for PA distance with disappointing performances in the 800m and two-mile. However, in the mile, the team of Durana and Fuhrman, finishing first (4:28) and second (4:35) respectively, trounced the competition and lead the

entire race. In the 800m O'Donoghue and Kapor took third (2:07) and fourth (2:11). The biggest disappointment was the two-mile where Tony Bitz '02 and Pat Barkhuff ran very frustrating times and did not place in the top four.

The performances of Emerson Sykes '01 and Lemire upheld the pride in the middle distance events. Sykes in the 400m was PA's sole breadwinner, taking third with a time of 53.6 while Lemire took second (15.4s) and third (43.5s) in the 110m and 300m hurdles. Middle distance's shining moment came in the closing 4x400m relay, where the disputed decision to put in O'Donoghue and Ben Hogan '01 paid off. Minutes before the race, with the knowledge that Sykes would not be running, Coach Collins blew up at colleague Dr. Strudwick and accused him of "throwing the meet." Strudwick stuck to his guns, and the team of Jordan Harris '02, O'Donoghue, Hogan, and Durana took first with a respectable time of 3:44 and clinched first place in the meet for Andover.

The short distance team gave the relay team the opportunity to win with impressive performances by Damion White '01 and Dave Sheldon '04. In the 100m, White and Sheldon took second (11.4s) and fourth (11.8s) respectively. Riding on that momentum, PA swept the back three spots in the 200m with Harris in second, Sheldon in third, and Alex Kehlenbeck '01 in fourth. The 4x100m-relay team had similar success and took first with a time of 44.3s.

The field events, however, carried the day for Andover with firsts in all but the shot put and pole vault. In the jumps, Pete Chiu took first in the long jump with a length of 19' 6.5" followed by JT Simms '00 in third with 19' 2.75". White took the triple jump (37' 10.5) followed by Malik Lewis '02 and Kanyi Maqubela '03 in second and third. Rounding out the jumps were Kelechukwa Osuji's first (5' 6") and Malik Lewis' fourth (5' 4") in the high jump.

The throwers were also on. In the

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TEAM EARNS WIN ON STRENGTH OF 1500 METER MEN

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shot put, the tandem of Aaron deVos '01 and Josh Rodriguez '01 took second and third, while Andrew McKinnon '01 and deVos took first and third in the discus. Bass continued his reign of terror in the javelin with a throw that took first by over fifty feet, and Brandon Winston '02 represented the Blue in the pole vault with a third place.

This past week was just another ordinary week for boys' track, takin' care of business. With two strong performances this week, the Blue hope to take the initiative against the Hoggars of NMH Saturday. If Durana, White, Lemire, Bass, and the rest of the team are in their zone, it should be a good meet for the Blue. And with the great weather of late, Saturday might make a great day for a barbecue. Pork chops anyone?

Despite Cold Weather, Slow Times, Boys Track Flies by NMH in First Private School Match-Up

by Tony Bitz

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Competing only against strong public school programs thus far, Boys' Track was prepared for this past Saturday's meet against NMH. It was a cold and windy, which made times slow and disappointing, but with overall depth in all races, the Blue won decisively, 88-57.

Long distance recovered from its disappointing meet last Wednesday and took the majority of the points in each race. In what was a strategic 1500m, Pablo Durana '02 and Wes Fuhrman '01, along NMH's top distance runner, drafted off each other through the first half of the race. Durana broke off and finished first (4:02.6) while Fuhrman,

outkicking the PG in the last 200m, finished second. The 800m was also a vast improvement with Durana taking his second win of the day (2:02). The 3000m was special for the Blue though, and pitted in the race were good friends, Fuhrman and Blue Emeritus Ben Phillips. It was a great race to watch as the two switched off the lead to help each other deal with the wind, and in the end, Phillips won, but no one from Andover was disappointed.

Mid-distance had little trouble against NMH. In 400m, Emerson Sykes '01 took first (53.3s) with a solid performance and was followed by Ben Hogan '01 in third. In the 300m hurdles, Joe Lemire '01, continued to improve and took second while JT Simms '02 finished third. The 110m hurdles were even better: Lemire in first followed by Simms in second and Kanyi Macqubela '03 in third. Ending the day, the 4x400m team put their two cents in and were on top the entire mile.

Leading off, Sykes got a comfortable, five meter lead for Alex Kehlenbeck '01, who also gained an extra five meters for Hogan. In the final leg, Durana put the nail in the coffin with a twenty-meter lead and a winning time of 3:38.8.

Short distance carried the momentum with two point scorers in each event. They started the meet strong in the 4x100m where the team of Dave Sheldon '04, Emerson Sykes '01, Jordan Harris '02, and Damion White '01 took first with a respectable time of 45s. White continued his dominance of the 100m with a first place time of 11s. Junior phenomenon Sheldon took third for Andover. Then in the 200, White, followed by Harris in second (22.3s), came back for first place (22.2s).

Although away from the track, the jumps and throws still thrived off the energy. In the shot, discus, and javelin, Andover took seventeen points. In the shot, the duo of Aaron Devos '01 and Josh Rodriguez '01 took first and second, while Andrew McKinnon '01 and Devos took second and third in the disc. Can anyone guess who won the javelin? Derrick Bass '02 continued his winning streak with a sub par throw of 164' 11".

In the Pole Vault, the tandem of Dave Auld '01 and Brandon Winston '02 tied for second with vaults of 10' 6", while Simms set a Personal Record in the long jump with second place length of 20' 11". Finally in the triple jump, K.C. Osuji '03 and Macqubela took second and third respectively.

In track, the key to success is depth across all events, and this past Saturday, the Blue, placing in every event, had that depth along with several amazing individual performances. The Boys host Coach Collins' old team, Andover High School, on Saturday and look to do the same thing that they have been doing thus far. Win.



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Hurdler Joe Lemire '01 edges his NMH competitor for second place in Andover's Victory over Northfield Mount Hermon.

STRONG BOYS TRACK SQUAD FINISHES SEASON WITH TRIUMPHANT 6-1 RECORD

RETURNING UNDERCLASSMEN PROMISE STRONG FUTURE

by Tony Bitz

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE



Championships have become a tradition for the Andover Boys' Track Team.

Having taken a close third in last year's NEPSTA championships, Head Coach Dick Collins and his boys headed into this season determined to bring the hardware back to Andover.

They did just that.

The season started with some uncertainties as to the outcome of the coming season. The team had lost many strong athletes, and their positions needed to be filled. However, since the season's first scrimmage against Reading, the Blue rose to the occasion, and despite a close loss to a strong Central Catholic squad, managed to end the season with a 6-1 record, a seventh place at the Haverhill Relays and more importantly, first at the NEPSTA Championships and a win over Exeter the following week.

Due to the loss of several seniors last year, the rising seniors and uppers this year needed to replenish lost talent. After Julius Bradshaw '00 departed, Collins looked to new comers Damion White '01 and freshman O'Shea Galan and Dave Sheldon. In middle distance, Captain Emerson Sykes '01, Ben Hogan '01, Jordan Harris '02, and Alex Kehlenbeck '01 continued their progress from last year to form a deep core of 400m runners. Only losing Eli Lazarus '00, the distance squad turned again to the strength of Wes Fuhrman '01 and Geoff O'Donoghue '02 as well as the promising Pablo Durana '02. Joe Lemire '01 returned to fill John Busby's '00 spot in the hurdles.

In the Jumps and throws, the Blue retained a championship thrower and continued the improvement of last year's talent. In the shot put and discus, with the loss of Sterlind Burke '00, the Blue looked to the veteran Triumvirate, Aaron DeVos '01, Andrew McKinnon '01, and Josh Rodriguez '01. In the Javelin, Derrick Bass '02 returned to go undefeated for the Blue through interscholastic and dual meet competition. The jumps saw the loss of last year's captain Sean Scott '00 and Bradshaw, but also the talent of K.C. Osuji '01 in the triple jump, Sheldon, J.T. Simms '02, and Malik Lewis '02 in the long jump; and Galan and Osuji in the high jump. The pole vault saw the progress of senior Dave Auld as well as the emerging talent of Brandon Winston '02.

tion was Durana, who took first in the mile, followed closely by Fuhrman in second. PA had seven other first place performances with Bass continuing his javelin winning streak in dual/tri meet competition and Chiu jumping the farthest in the long jump. PA held the other two jumps as well, as Osuji took first in the high jump and White took first in the triple followed by Lewis and Maqubela. Throwing strong, McKinnon took first in the disc, and both PA's relay teams won by large margins. Against one of the Merrimack's strongest teams, PA still didn't budge.

NMH was next. Although a strong team, PA continued to roll through prep school competition, cruising by the Hoggers 88-57. The three-hour bus ride could do nothing to slow Collins' boys. Durana and White had particularly strong days, each with triple wins, 1500, 800, and 4x400 and 100, 200, and 4x100 respectively. DeVos took first in the shot while Sykes came up big with a first place in the 400. Bass took, not-surprisingly took first in the javelin with a strong windy day throw of 164' 11". In the hurdles, Lemire led a sweep of the 110m hurdles, while taking a tough second place in the 300. With the wind providing as much trouble as NMH, the Blue were confident in their performances despite the slow times.

Collins' old team, Andover High School, provided Phillips with a close meet as PA came out on top 76-69. PA had similar performances to the previous week with Durana's hat trick in the 1500, 800, and 4x400, Lemire's first in the 110 hurdles, and Bass in the Javelin. Rodriguez stepped up in the shot put to take first, and Osuji triple jumped a first place winning PR of 42' 10.5". PA looked strong coming into its toughest meet of the year.

A winning team is often measured by how well it takes a loss, and although the boys took a tough defeat at the hands of Central Catholic, the boys came out much stronger and unified than it would have won. PA had solid performances but were no match to the depth of Central's throws and short distance. Durana, due to AP's, arrived to the meet late, but filled his role taking first in the 3000 with a fast 9:20. Other winner included Fuhrman in the 1500, Bass, again, in the javelin, Sykes in the 200, and White in the 100. The 4x100 team came through as well to take first in 44.3s. The boys' dream

The boys started the season with two meets to get their feet wet: a scrimmage against Reading and a tri-meet against Taft and Deerfield. The scrimmage was an initial showcase of the Blue's teeming talent, while the tri-meet was the Blue's first glimpse at interscholastic talent. PA dominated both, offering Reading no hope and defeating Taft and Deerfield convincingly, 93(PA)-40(TS)-48(DA). PA's runners and throwers, who would become the team's solid core, indicated that they would dominate competition. Distance had a strong day with Durana taking first in the 800m and 1500m and Fuhrman outkicking NEP-STA cross-country champion Pat Benson '01. The throws were solid, sweeping the top positions with Bass, DeVos, and McKinnon sweeping the javelin, shot, and discus respectively. Sprinters pulled their weight as well. White took first in the 100 while Sykes took first in the 400 and came back with Hogan, Kehlenbeck, and Durana came back to take the 4x400m. Lemire was a dual winner in the 110 and 300 hurdles.

Coming off a confident victory, the Blue trekked to the Haverhill Relay. With the top thirty teams in Massachusetts attending, the competition was an eye opener for Andover. The schools that were there were strong, but PA rose with the competition to finish seventh overall. Distance and throwing faired the best for the Blue. Kicking the meet off, the 4x800 team of Durana, Fuhrman, O'Donoghue, and emerging core runner Adam Kapor '04 took first. Durana's anchor leg in which he ran a

rubber burning time of 1:57 was remarkable. Not stopping there, Durana came back to win the open mile with a respectable early season time of 4:28. Fuhrman too represented distance well, taking sixth in the two-mile, while the 4x400 team of Kapor, Harris, Kehlenbeck, and Hogan took sixth as well. In the javelin, Bass took a second place with a sub-par throw of 174' 2". DeVos also came up big with a fifth place in the discus. The meet indicated Collins' boys would have tough competition, but PA's performance showed they would be ready.

The Blue then headed into a three-week stretch of local and prep school dual/tri meets. First on the schedule were Tewksbury and Chelmsford, with whom the boys had had a close run in during the indoor season. Nothing had changed, with Tewksbury giving the boys a run for their money. Even so, PA edged out Tewksbury by a mere eight points, 82(PA)-74(T)-25(C). Asserting himself above the competi-



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Mark Anderson '03 leaps over the hurdles in a preparation for Andover's final home meet against Exeter.

of a perfect season had been shattered, but the Blue came out angry and looking for a team to vent frustration on.

Poor Loomis-Chaffee.

They were in the wrong place at the wrong time, as PA clobbered them 92-53. Sweeps in the 1500, 3000, high and triple jumps, and the javelin along with dual hurdle victories in the 110 and 300 for Lemire put the boys comfortably on top. Durana in the 800, Dave Thompson '01, and the 4x100m team also put up valuable points for the blue. Having vented their frustrations, the boys headed calm, focused, and composed into prep school track's Big Dance.

Wow. When the times got tough PA got stronger, taking first by an astounding 34 point margin, beating second place NMH 108-74. The day was marked by unprecedented performances by all. Most remarkable was Durana's inhuman 1500, 800, and 3000 triple in which he more shockingly took two firsts (1500 and 800) and a third. Also coming up big in distance was Fuhrman, whose fourths in the 1500 and 3000 added valuable points to PA's score. Lemire, after just starting the hurdles last year, rose to both 110 and 300 hurdle NEPSA champion. Bass fought off prospective contenders for his javelin title by throwing a clutch 178.' The short distance crew came through as well with a third place by White in the 100, a second by the 4x400 of Kehlenbeck, Harris, Sykes, and Hogan, and a first by the 4x100 team of White, Sykes,

Harris, and Sheldon. Rounding out the strong performances were Murname's first in the high jump (6ft) and Winston's fourth in the pole vault. With such results, one could be optimistic as to the Blue's showing for next year.

With the loss of many seniors, this year's underclassmen have many spikes to fill. In long distance, the boys are fortunate to only lose Fuhrman and Pat Barkhuff. However, with Durana, Bitz, O'Donoghue, Kapor, Hendley, and new Post Grad Chris Fisher coming for next year, distance is "locked down". Short distance runners leaving PA track include White, Sykes, Hogan, Thompson, and Thompson, but Sheldon, Galan, and Harris seem more than willing to step up to the task at hand. In the jumps, Galan, Lewis, Chiu, Maqubela, and Simms form PA's core of long, triple, and high jumpers. Bass returns in the javelin to defend his title for a third year in a row while Andover has a large hole to fill in the shot and discus.

With only one loss to possible the largest, deepest high school in Massachusetts, PA had a hell of a season. From Haverhill to Exeter, the boys never let up and their loss only fueled the fire. The solid performances of Durana, Lemire, and Bass, the Blue could have only expected their convincing victories at interschols and Exeter. Moreover, with so many strong underclassmen returning, PA can hopefully repeat the success of this remarkable year.

SPORT: Track - girls

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Alexandra Zukerman

MANAGER:

COACH: Louis Bernieri

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

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Letter Winners

Ainsworth, Kaitlin M.
Bramwell, Jill B.
Brislin, Darcy P.
Burke, Elizabeth E.
Caputo, Kristin L.
Checovich, Christina
Dlesk, Katherine H.
Donais, Melissa A.
Hartsock, Sydney H.
Jay, Hillary D.
MacDonald, Chelsea M.
Marshall, Eleanor L.

McBride, Courtney
Miller, Laura A.
Moore, Kathryn M.
O'Hern, Erin
O'Hern, Julia
Orzell, Susannah
Parr, Sasha C.
Regner, Katherine A.
Scanlon, Janis M.
Weisz, Samantha F.
Wheadon, Kristin L.
Zukerman, Alexandra W.

Track Girls – Varsity
2000 – 2001

| Name | Class | Hometown |
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| Ainsworth, Kaitlin M. | 2003 | Portland, ME |
| Bramwell, Jill B. | 2002 | Lexington, KY |
| Brislin, Darcy P. | 2001 | South Hamilton, MA |
| Burke, Elizabeth E. | 2002 | Austin, TX |
| Caputo, Kristin L. | 2003 | Belmont, MA |
| Checovich, Christina | 2002 | North Hampton, NH |
| Dlesk, Katherine H. | 2003 | Andover, MA |
| Donais, Melissa A. | 2002 | Bradford, MA |
| Hartsock, Sydney H. | 2001 | Snohomish, WA |
| Jay, Hillary D. | 2002 | Hinsdale, IL |
| MacDonald, Chelsea M. | 2002 | Nova Scotia, Canada |
| Marshall, Eleanor L. | 2002 | Nashville, TN |
| McBride, Courtney | 2003 | Carrollton, GA |
| Miller, Laura A. | 2002 | Glastonburg, CT |
| Moore, Kathryn M. | 2003 | Pelham, NH |
| O'Hern, Erin | 2003 | Johnston, IA |
| O'Hern, Julia | 2001 | Johnston, IA |
| Orzell, Susannah | 2003 | Linncoln, MA |
| Parr, Sasha C. | 2002 | Reading, MA |
| Regner, Katherine A. | 2003 | Andover, MA |
| Scanlon, Janis M. | 2003 | Andover, MA |
| Weisz, Samantha F. | 2003 | Crystal Lake, IL |
| Wheadon, Kristin L. | 2002 | Pittsburg, PA |
| Zukerman, Alexandra W. | 2001 | New York, NY |

Strong Showing for Girls Track

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Building off a stellar performance during its preseason scrimmage

against Reading High School, Girls Track put up a strong showing last Saturday in an opening tri-school meet against Deerfield and Taft despite a number of untimely injuries.

The most damaging absence was that of Captain Alex Zukerman '01, who was on a college visit to Stanford. Zukerman left holes for the PA squad in the 4x400 meters relay and 110m and 300m hurdle events. Long distance stars Kristin Caputo '03, Betsy Burke '02, and Caitlin Krause '01 were also absent over the long weekend due to family obligations. Furthermore, lower sensation Brandi Flourney had suffered a foot injury the previous week and was consequently unable to run in the 100 and 200 meters dashes. Moreover, star javelin hurler and jumper Sydney Hartsock '01 and top 400 meters runner Katie Dlesk '03 were both sidelined with injuries.

Despite these setbacks, the power that is Andover Girls Track managed to pull together and handily do away with

the competition. The girls captured victories in twelve of the seventeen events. They scored 70 points, significantly outnumbering the meager 61 and 39 point outcomes of Taft and Deerfield, respectively. Amalgamated just one day prior to the meet, the 4x100m relay team (Katie Regner '03, Kaitlin Ainsworth '03, Ellie Marshall '02, and Chelsea Macdonald '02) ran an impressive race and inspired the rest of the females to perform impeccably.

In and above of a spectacular showcase in the 4x100m relay, MacDonald also captured victories in the 100m (12.5), 200m (25.9), and Long Jump (15ft. 3ins.). Following MacDonald's lead were Melissa Donais '02 and Julia O'Hearn '01, with wins in the 1500m (4:53) and 800m (2:26), and the shot (37ft. 3ins) and discus (112ft. 6ins) events, respectively. Thus far into the season, O'Hern has been undefeated in the shot and discus since the beginning of last season. Other winners for the Blue were Laura Miller in the pole vault (8ft), Darcy Brislin in the 400m (65.3), and Sam Weisz in the 3000m (11:16).

Girls Track Wins Over Chelmsford

by Geoff O'Donoghue
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When the girls track team got down to business on Wednesday, they quickly smashed any dreams their opponents, Chelmsford, had of beating the Big Blue. Even without star and captain Alex Zukerman '01 dominating in the hurdles, the girls in blue pulled out yet another convincing victory, sweeping three events and winning all but two, including both the sprint and mile relays.

The field events started things off, and as she has done for her previous four years here at Andover, Julia O'Hern '01 continued to dominate the competition in the shot put and discus, along with a little help from her younger sister, Erin '03. Sydney Hartsock '01 got the first of her three wins in the Javelin, with a heave of 99 feet, with Christie Checovich '02 right on her heels at 89'6". The girls sprint relay team, which for some reason had decided to wear mismatching knee-high socks for their race, got the track events off with a bang, beating Chelmsford by over 2 seconds.

Next came the mile, where Sam Weisz '03 moved down from her usual two-mile race to lead from start to finish, including a great kick at the end to hold off a Chelmsford racer. Hilary Jay '02 rounded out the scoring with a solid sub-six minute time. The distance squad continued their dominance in the 800, where Betsy Burke '02 and Christi Caputo '03 amply filled the shoes of absent star Melissa Donais '02, who will attend the prestigious Penn Relays on Thursday the 26th to compete in the mile. Kathryn Moore '03 completed the sweep of the distance events with an exciting win in the two-mile, where she out-kicked her opponent in the final 200 meters.

In the hurdles, Susannah Orzell '03 and Katie Regner '03 deputized for the absent Zukerman, striking a vicious 2-

3 punch in both the 110 and 300 distances. The sprints were yet again dominated by Chelsea McDonald '03, who added a win in the long jump to her victory in the 100, and Katie Dlesk '03, who won both the 200 and 400 meter dashes.

In the 400, Caitlin Krause '01 and Darcy Brislin '01 completed the sweep behind the Dlesk, while Ellie Marshall '02 picked up valuable points in both sprints. Other sweeps were completed by the versatile Hartsock, Kristin Wheadon '02, and Jill Bramwell '02 in the High Jump, and Hartsock again on top with the help of Kaitlin Ainsworth and Janis Scanlon in the Triple Jump. Wheadon, to further prove her athleticism, added a third in the shot put to boot. In the pole vault Lauren Miller '02 snagged second with a vault of 8'6", just six inches shy of the winner from Chelmsford.

When the final score was reported, the girls track team had again shown their incredible depth, dismantling the competition 108-37 despite the absence of not one, but two returning interscholastic champions.

If this meet is anything to judge by, the Blue's competition this year has a lot to worry about.



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Sydney Hartsock '01 jumped to a first place finish at the girls' track meet against Chelmsford.

Zukerman Back for Girls Track

by Alex Kehlenbeck
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| Andover | 95 |
| NMH | 77 |
| Milton | 46 |
| St. Paul's | 10 |



The girls' track squad knew that it was good; it knew that it had beaten up on every opponent foolish enough to compete one-on-one in a dual meet. It knew that its captain and champion hurdler Alex Zukerman '01 would be running her first races of the season.

What the girls didn't know, however, was whether they had the depth to beat NMH, Milton, and St. Paul's all at once. With five places scoring in the quad-meet, instead of the usual three of a dual meet, the girls couldn't get away with just taking the top finish in each event—their usual mode of operating—as the other three teams could still, by claiming places 2-5, come away with the greater team score. The meet was a critical test under conditions more similar to those at Interschols than any the team will face until May 19th. Final score: PA 95, NMH 77, Milton 46, St. Paul's 10.

The return of Zukerman, who has been nursing a hamstring strain since the beginning of the season, heralded the finalization of what may very well end up being the fastest sprint relay team in the history of the Phillips Academy track program. In a vicious wind and against no serious competition, the squad of Ellie Marshall '02, Katie Dlesk '03, Zukerman, and

Chelsea Macdonald '02 prevailed over the terrible handoffs that inevitably come with a relay team's first race to turn in a time of 50.6, less than a second off the school record.

The sprints went better. MacDonald and Marshall took one and two in the wind-aided 100m, MacDonald running a school-record 12.1 seconds. She came back also to take the 200m, her fourth win of the day (4x100 relay, 100m, 200m, long jump). Dlesk fought through the gusts to dominate the 400m, a distance she has owned since January, in 60.6 seconds, her best of the season. Zukerman ran only in the 100m hurdles, winning in 15.1 seconds, a time comparable (within hand-timing error) to her Interscholastic record of last year.

The girls shone most brightly in the field events, however. The squad took first place in six of the seven field events, and second in five of those. Julia O'Hern '01, despite a sub-par throw, won the shot put (35' 1") and the discus and was joined in the latter by sister Erin O'Hern '03, who snagged second. Sydney Hartsock '01 and Christina Checovich '02 went one and two in the javelin; Hartsock and Kaitlin Ainsworth '03 dominated the triple jump; and MacDonald and Ainsworth commanded the long jump. Laura Miller '02 and Sasha Parr '02 brought home the pole vault.

The results of the quad-meet boded well for the girls' team. The Blue can now rest a little easier knowing that problem of depth isn't quite as deep as it seemed.

Girls Track Defends NEPSAC Title Captain Zukerman, J. O'Hern Lead

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Two weeks before graduation, the girls track team traveled to Deerfield Academy to defend their NEPSAC title. The team was confident in their chances for a win, as they hadn't seen any dangerous competition all season. This year's team sported a plethora of talent; it was a group that by the end of the day would hold school records in the shot put, the discus, and all running events save the 100m dash. Most of the team left from behind the gym at seven in the morning, but the early start was worth it for the girls. In a great end to an undefeated season with just Exeter left to go, the girls took the championship by 44 points, a huge margin in a championship meet. All of Andover's stars; Captain Alexandra Zukerman '01, Julia O'Hern '01, Melissa Donais '02, Chelsea McDonald '02, and Katie Dlesk '03 showed up on the big day, and were supported by stellar performances from the rest of the Interschols team.

The field events started things off with a bang in the early hours of the morning. Julia O'Hern gave up her shot put title to Loomis goliath Ashley Gilbert, but roared back to win by six feet in the Discus, capping off one of the most successful Andover track and field careers in the school's history. Julia's younger sister, Erin '03, was frustrated with her pair of seventh places in the throws, just one place away from scoring, but everyone else was impressed with her efforts considering that she had a stress fracture in her wrist. In the Javelin, Sydney Hartsock '01 ended her track and field career on a high note with second place, supported by Christie Chechovich '02 who finished ninth. In the pole vault, Laura Miller '02 launched herself nine feet over the bar to take third place overall, while Sasha

Parr '02 entered into a three way tie for ninth. Jill Bramwell '02 then gave a boost to the team when she picked up a point in the high jump, placing sixth, with Kristin Wheadon '02 backing her up in tenth place. In the long jump, Chelsea McDonald '02 and Alexandra Zukerman '01 packed a 2-3 punch, taking 14 points in the event from a possible 18. The Big Blue did not fare so well in the triple jump, but valiant efforts were made by Hartsock (8th) and Kaitlin Ainsworth '03 (14th).

The girls continued their dominance on the oval, winning four of the ten running events, and placing second in four more. The 4X100 team of McDonald, Dlesk, Ellie Marshall '02, and Zukerman sprinted to victory in the first field event, beating the second place Exeter team by over two seconds. The girls looked good as they outran the competition, sporting their blue and white knee high socks. In the 1500, Melissa Donais took the title, with Betsy Burke '02 finishing just out of the points in 8th. Both girls came back strong in the 800 an hour later, with Donais again getting the win, and Burke fighting her way to 6th place. The 400 was a rematch from the week before, with Katie "the D-train" Dlesk pitted against Loomis star Kathleen Noonan. Noonan, who proved a nuisance for the Blue all day, edged Dlesk out again this time. Dlesk and Darcy Brislin '01, who placed 10th, still made the Blue proud. In the sprints, Chelsea McDonald '02 placed second in both the 100 and 200 to a superb Choate sprinter, setting a new school record of 25.90 in the 200 in the process. Ellie



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Cushing was no match for the Andover Girls' Track Team. Alex Zukerman '01 hurdled her way to victories in the 100m and 300m..

Marshall added sixth place in the 100 to her win in the sprint relay, and Dlesk finished right on McDonald's heels in the 200, taking fourth and getting another four points for the team. Zukerman put in great performances in both hurdles, taking first and setting a new championship record of 15.07 sec. in the 110 hurdles. In the 300, Noonan caught a second wind on the last straightaway and nipped Zukerman, who had led all the way up until that point, right at the line. Although they didn't score, Susannah Orzell '03 in the 100 hurdles and Katie Regner '03 in the 300 hurdles still got great times at the championship meet. In the 3000, Samantha Weisz '03 and Kathryn Moore '03 finally got their chance to run after waiting all day, and all but wrapped up the meet with their 4th and 6th place finishes respectively.

In the last race of the day, the 4X400 team of Tenley Eakin '02, Brislin, Donais, and Dlesk finished fourth, further widening the Big Blue's margin of victory. The girls finished the meet 44 points in the lead, and ended their season as champions. For the seniors at the meet, Zukerman, O'Hern, Hartsock, and Brislin, as well as the other seniors on the team, this performance was a great way to end their track careers at PA. In particular, the 1st and 2nd places put in by both Zukerman and O'Hern proved a fitting end to two glittering careers for both school record holders. The responsibility now falls on the underclassmen to fill the void of this graduating class and to continue building the legacy of the girl's track team.



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Track star Melissa Donais '02 takes first place in the 1500 meter dash against Exeter.

SPORT: Volleyball - boys

YEAR: 2000-2001

CAPTAIN: Colin Penley

MANAGER:

COACH: Clyfe Beckwith

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD

WON 4 **LOST** 3 **TIED**

Letter Winners

Araripe, Tasso B.

Cohen, Matthew T.

Cuthbert, Gabriel B.

MacMillan, Jonathan C.

McCallum, John C.

Park, Jason S.

Park, Jennifer J.

Penley, Colin M.

So, Albert Y.

Volleyball Boys – Varsity
2000 – 2001

| Name | Class | Hometown |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Araripe, Tasso B. | 2001 | Fortaleza Ceara, Brazil |
| Cohen, Matthew T. | 2004 | Andover, MA |
| Cuthbert, Gabriel B. | 2002 | New York, NY |
| MacMillan, Jonathan C. | 2003 | Los Angeles, CA |
| McCallum, John C. | 2003 | New Canaan, CT |
| Park, Jason S. | 2002 | Seoul, Korea |
| Park, Jennifer J. | 2003 | Baltimore, MD |
| Penley, Colin M. | 2001 | Bethel, ME |
| So, Albert Y. | 2001 | Bradford, MA |

Volleyball Bumps, Sets, and Spikes Three out of Four Foes

by Colin Penley

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 3 |
| Central Catholic | 1 |
| Andover | 2 |
| St. John's Prep | 1 |
| Choate | 3 |
| Andover | 0 |
| Andover | 3 |
| Chelmsford | 1 |



The varsity boys volleyball team has had a mixed start to the 2001 spring season. With three returning varsity starters from last season

and five JV players moving up to varsity, the team has high hopes for the season. The team with the trio of returning starters, Tasso Araripe '01, Captain Colin Penley '01, and Albert So '01, has a strong core of experience and talent to lead the way on the court and during practice.

The team looks to Jason Park '02 to fill the shoes left by the graduation of both starting setters. His skilled hands and ever growing court presence are a great asset to the team. Lowers Jack McCallum and J.C. MacMillan add height and more power to the team. Matt Cohen '01 and Gabe Cuthbert '02 fill out the varsity roster and provide an array of skills that make them useful all over the court.

The team has had four games to this point. Three against local JV teams and one against league rival Choate. The first two games, played back-to-back on a Saturday and the following Monday, Andover lacked So due to a back injury and had to do some switching of positions to cover for the loss. The team played decently and used the games to start to work together. The team had problems staying focused and gave away an unnecessary game to their opponents.

With the return of So and four days of practice, the team went in to the Choate game with high hopes of keeping a perfect record. Unfortunately the team was not able to beat the Wild Boars, but they did see a vast improvement in the level of play from the two previous games. The Big Blue lost in three hard-fought see-saw battles (15-13, 15-12, 15-10). Both teams went on long runs of points and had major mental lapses.

One of the highlights of the game was the outstanding defensive play by So, shutting down one of their biggest hitters with many spectacular digs. In the third game, Araripe was hitting the ball so hard that opponents were diving away from the ball. But inconsistent serving and hitting and lack of communication marred the excellent play. With work on these skills the team will

be ready to beat Choate on their home court on Saturday the 12th.

The game against Chelmsford JV was a time for experimentation. After the starting six crushed Chelmsford 15-2 in the first game, Coach Clyfe Beckwith decided to test people playing different positions and playing next to different people. Some of the new combinations were more successful than others, but the team learned a lot from the experience of playing new positions. McCallum said of the team, "We played up to the level of our opponents. And we played down to their level." Park added, "If we can play our own game and play up to our ability level we will have a very successful season."

If the team can use the last four games and their up-coming game against Methuen High School JV as time to look at problems and figure out how to fix the issues, they should have a great game against NMH in eight days from today.

Boys Volleyball Ends Three Game Streak With Loss to Senior-Packed Choate Squad

by Colin Penley
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Andover
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Victims of a random schedule quirk, the Boys' Volleyball team took the strange Tuesday game against Methuen in stride and beat them in three straight games. The win brought the team's record to 4-1 with the only loss coming at the hands of its league rival, the senior-laden Choate.

The first game was a superb effort by the Boys in Blue. It was the finest volleyball of the season, and, if the team can continue to play as well as they did in that game, they will be stiff competition for any team unlucky enough to face them. The second game, with a few line up changes and a mid-game bloody nose, involved more good play from all of the members of

the team although the score was not quite as definitive as in the first game. The third game was a total success for the team, who, for the first time in the season, managed to win in straight sets 3-0. Hopefully PA can keep this intense focus on the game, and, in the upcoming contest against NCH, provide Andover with their first ever win against the perennial powerhouse from east nowhere.

Tasso Araripe '01 once again got the team fired up and motivated with his mighty hitting. The players facing the power of his slams could only whimper in pain as they watched their attempt at a dig go flying off into the stands. Setter Jason Park '02 played the best game of his career. Perfect sets, well-timed and well-placed dinks, and the occasional beautiful save were all in sync. He even showed the other team that he could jump, stuff blocking their hitters numerous times. Seniors Albert So and Captain Colin Penley both had excellent games all over the court, offensively and defensively. So had a great game at the net, stuffing

many of the other teams' attempted hits back down to their feet. Penley's hitting finally clicked in this game and he was able to penetrate Methuen's defense and put his hits down. Matt Cohen '01 played well at a difficult position opposite the setter; his coverage of tips and the block saved balls that would otherwise have been points for Methuen. Jack McCallum '03, before his game-ending nose problems, was starting to step his game up to the next level and play excellent volleyball. J.C. MacMillan '03 and Gabe Cuthbert '02 both came off the bench and had terrific games, leaving no doubt as to the depth of the team past the starting six. The team's second big competition of the season takes place tomorrow as Boys in Blue travel out to Northfield to take on the Hoggers in hopes of bringing home a historic victory. If everyone on the team can keep up the level of play of the last game, they should give NCH a run for their money.

